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Q.—Five times?

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Q.—100 times?

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Q.—Two hundred times?

A.—About that I should think.

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Q.—Half a pound?

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BRAGGART MURDERER.

Lacroix Says He Will Be Hanged Like a Man.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—"I will live on water until the time comes, and I will then mount the scaffold like a man and be hanged," said Stanislaus Lacroix, the Montebello murderer, to his jailer at Hull yesterday.

Launching The Yacht

Scene at the Christening of the Hohenzollern at Shooter's Island.

Accident Happens to Prince Henry's Train But Ceremony Goes Well.

Militia Lose Their Heads and Roughly Handle the Curious Crowds.

New York, Feb. 25.—The all important event in the itinerary of Prince Henry of Prussia to-day was the launching of the schooner yacht Meteor, built at Shooter's Island for the Prince's brother, the German Emperor. The christening ceremonies were performed by Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President of the United States, in the presence of the President, the Prince, the German ambassador, Von Holtenben, and a brilliant assemblage. The Meteor moved down the ways at 10:19 a. m., amid a scene of great enthusiasm. The launching proper was without mishap and presented a graceful and beautiful picture, though it was accomplished in a drizzling rain and under other inauspicious atmospheric conditions.

The special train bearing the President from Washington to the launching reached Jersey City at 6:40 a. m. The President remained on board until the arrival of the Prince's train a few moments after 8 o'clock. A cylinder head on the engine of Prince Henry's special blew out and the train was more than an hour late in reaching Jersey City. The accident occurred shortly after leaving Baltimore. The stalled train was pushed into Magnolia, Md., by a passenger train and there got a new engine.

Soon after 8 o'clock the President and the Prince and their suites embarked on a boat for Shooter's Island. The party proceeded directly from the ferry boat to the stand which had been erected at the inshore end of the ways on which the Meteor rested, the guns meanwhile booming salutes and the crowd cheering enthusiastically. The President and the Prince with Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt arrived on the platform at 10:22. The Prince conducted Miss Roosevelt to the small platform immediately under the bow of the boat.

Precisely at 10:39, Miss Roosevelt raised the bottle of champagne, which had been encased in beautiful silver filigree, and which was suspended by a 25-foot silver chain. Dashing the bottle against the side of the vessel with vigorous and effective hand, the wine breaking into spray, Miss Roosevelt said in English: "In the name of the German Emperor I christen thee Meteor." Her voice was loud and clear, and could be distinctly heard by all on the surrounding platforms.

Then she raised a silver axe and severed the rope holding the weight which kept the ship in the ways on which the vessel went gracefully into the water. Simultaneously cannon boomed and the noise of the guns were loud in that resulting from the roar of humanity aided by the royal German band, the naval militia band and several bands on board the various vessels surrounding the island whose occupants were not permitted to land.

Every hat was raised and there was cheer after cheer for the President, the Prince and Miss Roosevelt.

Soon after the launching the Presidential party and the Prince proceeded to the hall where a luncheon had been prepared.

MILITIA FLUSTERED.

The arrangements at Shooter's Island generally were miserable and the situation of discomfort to the majority was accentuated by the First and Second Battalions of the New York State Naval Militia brought to the island to keep the lines and to fire the salute. Unable to keep the lines, especially after the launching, the militiamen lost their heads and took to the rough handling of many persons, even women, refusing to recognize either badges or cards of invitation. Secretary of War Root, for instance, was forced back with a gun against his breast and would have been unable to enter the building where the President, Prince and party were to lunch had it not been for the timely arrival of Chief Wilkie of the secret service, who explained to the militiamen Mr. Root's name and rank.

There were many similar incidents. Order was not fully restored even when the Presidential party appeared and their progress to the luncheon room was therefore slower. The hundreds of police present conducted themselves with the utmost good nature and acted, so far as their duties were concerned, in a very efficient manner.

At the luncheon on the Hohenzollern the Prince addressed the President as follows: "Mr. Roosevelt, you are here on board as guests of His Majesty the German Emperor, and I really believe that it is the first time that a President of the United States of America has ever been on board one of His Majesty's ships. Please God, may it not be the last time. I wish to thank you heartily for the reception I have had, from the first day I landed up to this moment, and it is my sincere and certain impression, that there is a strong feeling of personal friendship arising between us. May it extend to the benefit of our two great nations. I propose three cheers for Mr. Roosevelt."

The President arose directly to answer, saying: "I wish to express my hearty thanks for the kind words your Royal Highness has expressed on my behalf and I wish you to understand that it is not an empty compliment that your Royal Highness has already won a genuine place in our affections and good will. I heartily appreciate that His Majesty the German Emperor has sent you to the American people, and I thank you personally, and, of course what is of much higher importance, that you have taken a step which naturally must knit closer together the two great nations, whose friendship means so much for the future welfare of the entire world. To express finally a personal wish of mine, is to say that I look forward with great pleasure to the day on which I shall be your guest in your position as admiral on board of one of your battleships."

GOOD OLD AGE.

Brockville, Ont., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Aiker Dorway is dead at West Post, aged 103 years.

MISSIONARY COMING.

Dr. Large Returning to Work at Bella Bella.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Dr. Large, medical missionary of the Epworth League, who has been engaged for some three years past at Bella Bella Methodist mission, B. C., was a passenger West, returning to his home after several months' absence.

EXTRADITION.

Arthur Prideaux to be Surrendered by Newfoundland Authorities.

St. Johns, Nfld., Feb. 25.—The demand of the Canadian authorities for the extradition of Arthur Prideaux, the self-confessed accomplice in the murder of Miriam Cossman at North Sydney, Cape Breton on January 25th, was granted to-day. Judge Conroy, a city magistrate, authorized the surrender of Prideaux. It is understood that the prisoner will plead guilty and offer himself as a crown witness in the conviction of Dr. Bayley, the alleged principal in the crime, and that Prideaux will throw himself on the leniency of the court.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Motion in Favor of Railway Employees Carried.

London, Feb. 25.—In the House of Commons tonight Capt. Norton (Liberal) called attention to the excessive hours of labor of railroad men, and moved that the government should be empowered to demand returns from the railroad companies of the hours exceeding 12 per day worked by their servants. After some debate, which was directed towards showing that accidents arose from over-worked part of the railroad employees, Gerald Balfour (Conservative), on behalf of the government, admitted that there was some justification for the motion, and that he was willing to accept a modified form therefrom, but the House carried Capt. Norton's original motion by 155 votes to 154, amid loud cheers from the opposition.

Discussion on The Estimates

Minister of Agriculture Shows Ignorance of Subjects in His Department.

Ask Protection For Beet Sugar, Also a Higher Duty on Footwear.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 25.—Most of today's sitting was taken up in committee of supply. The opposition wanted more time to examine departmental reports, but the government insisted upon going on and the estimates of the Department of Agriculture were taken up. Discussion took place upon the patent office archives branch, the collection of criminal statistics, the year book, etc.

There was a long debate on the subject of quarantine and smallpox epidemic. Hon. Mr. Fisher showed lamentable ignorance of the matter, and after several hours' discussion the item stood, to enable the minister to get better posted.

Representatives from all parts of Ontario saw the government today to urge a bounty on beet root sugar produced in Canada, or the imposition of countervailing duties against those countries that now pay a bounty on beet sugar.

A large delegation of boot and shoe manufacturers asked for a 10 per cent. increase in duty on footwear in order to withstand United States competition.

The first Conservative caucus of the session was held today, Mr. Porter, the new member for West Hastings, presiding. Matters of interest to the party were discussed.

Nearly $600 has been received by the treasurer of the fund for the purpose of claiming and marking the graves of Canadian soldiers who died in South Africa. The Governor-General subscribed $250.

Hon. Wm. Templeman became a member of the cabinet today. He was sworn in before His Excellency this morning.

CLEARING OUT EXTENSION MINE

Two Bodies Found—Workings Are In Very Fair Shape.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Feb. 25.—Conditions at Extension are much better than the management expected to find them upon opening the stopping. As far as the slopes have been followed down the workings are in very good shape. Men have followed down to the water in slopes Nos. 2 and 3 and find it quite cool. There are few obstacles on the track as they go down. There are strong shifts at work energetically clearing out any debris. Two bodies were found to-day, David Griffin and George Southcombe. The former was found about 30 yards from the mouth of the slope. A few feet farther would have carried him beyond danger through the door. Southcombe was found farther down. His body was somewhat mutilated, whether from the explosion or since that time is not known. The bodies were taken to Ladysmith and Coroner Davis of this city went out to Extension and impanelled a jury, but adjourned for one week. It is expected that the body of Anthony Pestello may be found to-night. It is a matter of only a comparatively short time until work may be resumed as usual at Extension.

The management of the V. & S. Railway have agreed to have the Iroquois call at Crofton on its trip down from Nanaimo on Tuesdays. This will give this city direct communication with that place as desired by the Board of Trade.

The halibut schooner Nellie Thurston will leave to-morrow for the northern fishing banks for the Pacific Fish & Cold Storage Company. She has taken supplies for two months and has salt and all facilities for curing halibut for the Eastern market. She will not return until she has a cargo of perhaps 140 tons of cured halibut. She takes a crew of twenty men, experienced fishermen, many of them having served on the Atlantic coast in the fishing business. Captain C. G. Johnstone accompanies them.

Tees Has Bad News

Str. Brings Body of P. Wollacott From Alert Bay For Burial.

A White Man and an Indian Drowned in Waters of Skeena.

Grizzly Kills Two Hunters In Mountains Back of Rivers Inlet.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 25.—The steamer Tees arrived tonight at 6 o'clock from the north, leaving for Victoria about midnight. Capt. Hughes reports fair weather for the entire trip.

The steamer Bertha was sighted by the Tees off Van Anda island at noon today, making for Seattle under her own steam. She was accompanied by the tug Albion. She looked much patched-up, but was making good headway.

The Tees brought down the remains of the late Mr. Wollacott, provincial constable at Alert bay, who died on Sunday from an attack of bronchitis, from which he had been suffering for a long time. The body was accompanied by the two sons, and will be taken to Victoria for burial.

News was brought of the drowning of two men on the Skeena. Lee, an old man who made a living by working around the canneries in summer, and doing odd jobs in winter, was crossing the Skeena in a canoe with two Indians, when the boat became unbalanced and the occupants were thrown into the water. Lee and one of the Indians were drowned, the other Indian clinging to the upturned canoe till rescued.

The Haida Indians at Metlakatla, accused of murdering a Japanese in mistake for an Indian of another tribe, have had a preliminary hearing, and have been committed for trial. They will be brought down by the next boat.

As the Tees was leaving Rivers Inlet several Indians about the wharf said that the news had just come in that two Indians who had been out hunting in the mountains had been killed by a grizzly bear. The details could not be obtained.

The passengers on the Tees were: J. A. Richdale, Jas. Findley, Jas. Bird, Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, W. Williscroft, H. B. Mulkey, B. Cliff, M. Logan, J. Murray, J. Jackson, W. Wollacott, A. P. Wollacott.

The consignees are: W. H. Malkin, M. Sato, Galt Bros., F. R. Stewart, R. Ferguson, Letson & Burpee, Kelly, Douglas & Co., S. T. Kedley, A. Bogel & Co.

MEDAL FOR A BRAVE BOY

Royal Humane Society Recognize Harold McMillan's Rescue of Companion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 25.—The Royal Humane Society medal is to be awarded to a Vancouver schoolboy, Harold McMillan, who saved the life of a son of A. C. Stewart who was taken with cramps while the lads were in swimming together. The medal will be presented in public by Mayor Neelands. The rescue was a plucky one and accomplished at a great risk, and the medal is worthily bestowed. In this connection it seems impossible to get public recognition of the brave acts of the colored man, Joseph Fortes, who has saved nine lives in British Columbia. It is true that some of these valuable lives were saved while Fortes was in the pay of the council as swimming instructor and life saver at English Bay, but he has saved several lives during the time he was not in the pay of the city, and has received no consideration for his bravery and skill beyond newspaper notices. It is thought that the remarkably heroic act of the Siwash woman who swam ashore in the Inlet from an overturned canoe with her three children should be publicly recognized. Mr. C. J. South, as representing the Royal Humane Society here, recommended the reward to brave young McMillan. The diploma accompanying the medal bears the signature of the Prince of Wales as president of the society.

The question of aldermanic indemnity is to be decided by a vote of the people.

Word has reached here from Pittsburg of the death of Mrs. Cecil D. Andrews, formerly Miss McPhee, of Vancouver. The late Mrs. Andrews was, before her marriage, matron of the City Hospital for several years and had a great many friends in Vancouver who will mourn her death.

FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Canadian Merchandise to be Shipped Next Month.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The Donaldson liner Parthenia is booked to sail from St. John, N. B., for South Africa with Canadian merchandise between March 10th and 12th.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

Explosion in Nova Scotia Kills Man and Wrecks Houses.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—A terrible explosion of 200 pounds of dynamite occurred this morning at the American Tunnel mine, Waverley, killing James Munro, the watchman, who was thrown 200 feet away. Houses were wrecked in the vicinity, and the mine building blown to atoms.

YOUNG DESPERADOES.

Series of Vancouver Hold-Ups Supposed to Be Done By Boys.

Vancouver, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Jack Blackburn, accused of highway robbery, and now under arrest, says Billy Waite and Rob Stewart, two youths, are guilty of all the hold-ups which took place last summer. Waite and Stewart have been arrested. The police think they have the whole gang which terrorized Vancouver recently. They are only boys.

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WANT THE BEST.

Winnipeg Victorias Will Only Play This Year's Eastern Champions.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 23.—The Ottawa Hockey club, champions of last year, have challenged the Winnipeg Victorias to play for the Stanley cup. The Victorias have replied, saying they will consider a challenge against this year's champions in a series of games beginning March 14. They did not consider the Ottawa challenge deserves consideration.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Republican Members of United States House Consider the Subject.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Republican members of the House met in conference tonight to consider the question of the Cuban reciprocity, the Republican members of the Ways and Means committee having reached an agreement to grant reciprocity concessions of about 20 per cent. There was an unusually large attendance, about 125 members being present.

A CANARD.

Report That Botha Has Offered to Surrender Denied.

London, Feb. 25.—The War Office today denied the rumors which were circulated in the lobby of the House of Commons last night that General Louis Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief in South Africa, had made an offer to surrender on certain conditions. The story appears to have come from Paris. It had a good effect on Kaffirs.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Changes in Firms Doing Business in the Province.

H. Des Brisay, one of the partners of McNeish & Co., Slocan City, is retiring from the firm.

Thomas Pitt, the hotel keeper of Duncans, will shortly sell out to Joseph Rogers, he having decided to go into the general store business. To that end he has purchased from H. Smith his store in Duncans town.

Th business of Burns & Burns, the druggists of Armstrong, will in future be conducted by R. R. Burns.

The firm name of Anderson, Smith & Co., Ltd., dry goods merchants of Vancouver, is about to be changed to that of Anderson & Co., Ltd.

J. Main & Co. are a new firm in the hardware line at the Terminal City.

ALBERNI MINING.

Work to Commence on Thistle Next Month.

Alberni, Feb. 22.—A large number of miners have passed through this place during the last few days and all of them have been enabled to get work at the different mining camps in this vicinity.

The owners of the Thistle mine say they will commence work on their property next month and as they have to build eleven miles of wagon road a good number of men will be employed. There is a larger number of prospectors in the mountains than ever before at this season of the year.

Paul Low, a mining man from the States, is here examining some iron mines on the canal.

J. F. Bledsoe, M. E., has returned from Vancouver.

The weather is fine and the farmers are making extensive preparations for seeding a large crop. The Queen City came in on the 11th and went out on the morning of the 15th. Her lengthy stay was much appreciated. This being the Queen City's long trip—and she cannot get back here before after the first of next month—there is considerable uneasiness that we will have another beer famine and the drinking club will hold a meeting to discuss the subject this evening. It is needless to say it will be largely attended.

Messrs. Stockham & Dawley have bought all of Mr. Thomas Earle's stock, stores, hotel and wharf at Clayoquot. This will practically give this enterprising firm a monopoly of the West Coast trade beyond Ucluelet.

More than a dozen new buildings are to be erected in New Alberni this spring.

Andy Watson's house is about finished in New Alberni and is the most expensive house west of Victoria on Vancouver Island.

THE REFERENDUM.

Dominion Alliance and Temperance League at War Over the Subject.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—J. K. McLennan issued a public manifesto to the temperance people to-day announcing the organization of the Prohibition Campaign League to oppose the Dominion Alliance action in ignoring the referendum. The league will work to secure a large temperance vote on referendum day.

A petition asking for the disallowance of the Liquor Act referendum bill was to-day presented to Lieutenant-Governor McMillan by the Manitoba Dominion Alliance, and a similar document was mailed to the Governor-General at Ottawa. The petitioners urge a veto on the ground that such a reference would be subversive of the principles of representative and responsible government inasmuch as it would be contrary to the usage and repugnant to the spirit of the constitution, and, moreover, injurious to the dignity and prerogative of the Crown, if not also ultra vires of the British North America Act.

The Winnipeg city council passed a resolution by a vote of 9 to 3 asking the legislature to give the city power to pass a by-law allowing cars to run on Sunday.

W. R. Seger, a passenger conductor, died suddenly at North Portal yesterday after completing his run.

Robert and William Muir, brothers, were removed to smallpox quarantine yesterday.

BIG SUCCESSION DUTY.

Ontario Government Seeks to Secure a Large Sum.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The Attorney-General of Ontario entered suit this morning to recover from the executors of the estate of the late H. P. Payne, of Cleveland, the sum of $199,362 succession duties. He claims Payne left an estate of $3,987,248 in Ontario, chiefly investments in and advances to the Canadian Copper Company and the Central Ontario Railway.

Twenty thousand requests have been made to the Ontario government for forms to be filled in by veterans for land grants which the government propose to give men who have served their country.

The Toronto lacrosse club sail for England by the steamer Lake Ontario from St. John, N. B., on March 28th. They will tour the Mother Land.

The Building Trades Council of Toronto, representing fourteen unions, has decided that in future the organization as a whole would stand behind the individual bodies it represents in case of strikes.

STORM IN 'FRISCO.

Two Houses Blown Down and a Lot of Damage Done.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—One of the heaviest southwest storms that has been experienced in many years struck this city this morning. The wind attained great velocity, blowing 45 miles an hour in the city, while at Point Reyes, north of the harbor entrance, it reached 60 miles at 7:30 o'clock. Ships dragged their anchors or broke from their moorings, a fishing boat was capsized, the telephone and electric wires were down, and awnings, shade trees and fences were wrecked and pedestrians were greatly inconvenienced.

Telegraphic communication with the outside world was cut off. The full force of the storm was felt along the bay and the bar was so rough that vessels were unable to leave port.

Two three-story houses were blown down in the Mission district. The gale as it swept over the Presidio reservation left in its trail wreck and ruin.

Dozens of tents were wrenched from their positions and after being carried high in the air were landed yards away, where they were afterwards gathered up by the soldiers, who had a hard fight to save them.

To the soldiers the wreck of the tents was a serious affair, for the majority of them had all their possessions under them and before they could collect their belongings they were thoroughly soaked by the rain.

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Convention at Toronto Shows Anything But Spirit of Temperance.

Many Delegates Try to Read Resolutions at the Same Time.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—A series of lively scenes were witnessed at the opening of the Prohibition convention in the Pavilion to-day, and the proceedings indicated many differences of opinion on the course to be adopted with regard to the proposed referendum.

Rev. W. A. Mackay, referring to the referendum bill, said the conditions surrounding the proposed vote were unjust and unsatisfactory and temperance workers should have no hesitation in saying so. When Dr. Mackay took his seat at least a score of delegates arose with resolutions which they wished to read. There was considerable tumult and finally Rev. Dr. Courtice was recognized by the chairman and read a series of proposed amendments to the bill. Rev. Dr. Courtice favored regulations requiring that 50 per cent of the electorate be polled and that 55 per cent. of this vote should be necessary to carry the measure.

The delegates protested loudly and at one time two delegates were reading resolutions from the platform while another read his resolution at the top of his voice from the rear of the hall.

Dr. Mackay appealed repeatedly for order and finally declared that he would allow no more resolutions to be read, and the entire meeting was thrown open.

After listening to a discussion for two hours, J. McKeown, of Drayton, expressed the firm conviction that there were five hundred different opinions in the meeting.

Rev. C. T. Scott, of London, said any referendum they would get from the Ross government would make the temperance men do all the work.

Mr. J. A. Rankin said that much as he hated the iniquitous liquor traffic, he did not want prohibition unless it was a measure that could be enforced with some degree of certainty. The strongest evidence that the people of the province did not want prohibition was to be found in the hall in that they were afraid of the contest.

Various amendments were also voted down and the report of the executive committee was finally carried almost unanimously that numerous deputations be appointed to wait on the premier tomorrow at one o'clock.

IN MANITOBA HOUSE.

Winnipeg, Feb. 25.—The bill providing for a referendum, March 27th, on the Manitoba Liquor Act, was discussed at length in the legislature to-night. Mr. Greenway, leader of the opposition, spoke for an hour, taking exception to the referendum in this particular case, as the act had been passed by the government and they should stand by it, without further reference to the people. Premier Roblin replied, defending the course of the government in ordering a referendum, and was followed by Mr. Myers and other speakers.

COAL DEVELOPMENT.

Great Activity in East Kootenay and Alberta.

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—News has been received from East Kootenay and Western Alberta that there is great activity in the development of the coal measures there. The Canadian-American Coal & Coke company, at Frank, Alberta, is now taking out 300 tons of coal per day, and in six weeks, through the development of a second level, will increase the output to 800 tons per diem. The Canadian Pacific railway is taking most of the output from Frank, and the remainder is disposed of at towns along the Crow's Nest line. The company has just let a contract for the construction of 250 coke ovens and the work of building these will be commenced just as soon as the contractor can assemble his material. It is anticipated that a market can be found for the coal produced at Frank at the smelters in British Columbia, Idaho, Washington and Montana. Experiments have demonstrated that the Frank coal makes coke of a fair quality.

Near Frank, the Fleutot syndicate is developing coal deposits. Mr. Fleutot is now in Paris, where he has successfully been conducting financial negotiations in connection with his colliery. He expects to return within a few weeks and then promises to build a railway spur seven miles in length, running from the mines to the Crow's Nest railway, and to push more energetically than ever the work which is now in progress.

The Fishborn syndicate, which is operating near Blairmore, has done considerable work on its coal areas, and has marketed some of its product. The intention is to build a three mile spur to the collieries at Blairmore. There is considerable coal land in this section that can be taken up, and some for sale at reasonable prices. In the Kootenay pass, which lies to the south of the Crow's Nest pass, there is said to be many thousands of acres of coal lands which have not yet been taken up. The coal measures are situated on both sides of the mountains in Kootenay and Alberta, and are said by prospectors to equal in quantity and quality the coal measures of the Crow's Nest pass. These coal fields could be easily reached by a branch built to the east from the Crow's Nest Southern railway.

FROM MISS STONE.

She Sends a Message to Her Brother in Boston.

Boston, Feb. 25.—The first message from Miss Ellen M. Stone to her family and friends, was received tonight by her brother. The cablegram told of her release by the brigands, and her warm welcome by Bulgarian friends in the village of Strumitza. It reads as follows:

"Ristovitz, Feb. 25.—Chas. A. Stone, Chelsea, Mass. Free, thank God, and well after our captivity of nearly six months. Yesterday, Sabbath morning, Mrs. Tsilka and her seven-weeks'-old daughter and I found ourselves left by our abductors near a village an hour distant from Strumitza. For three hours we waited for dawn, then secured horses and came to this city. Kind hearted Bulgarian friends rushed from their houses as soon as they caught a glimpse of the strange appearing travellers, took us in their arms from our horses, with tears and smiles, and words of welcome, and led us into their house. Word was quickly sent to the friends engaged in their morning service at church, and they came, old and young, to greet us, What thanksgiving to God for this proof of his faithfulness to answer their prayers for all! Even the little children had never ceased to pray for us, their lost friends. Since that hour our waking time has been crowded with friends from the city and surrounding villages who have brought us their heartfelt congratulations for our deliverance.

"The Turkish government did not fail to question us as to our experiences. The governor of the city, with his suite, called this morning and again this afternoon after the arrival of Dr. House and his son from Salonika, accompanied by M. Garguilo, the first dragoman of the United States embassy at Constantinople. The last three have come to accompany us to Salonika tomorrow, where Mr. Tsilka awaits his long lost wife and their baby."

Strumitza, Feb. 25.—M. Tsilka, husband of Mme. Tsilka, Miss Stone's companion in captivity, went to the railroad station at Salonika in the hope of accompanying the party of M. Gargiula, dragoman of the United States legation to this place, but the Turkish authorities refused him permission to do so, declaring they suspected him of connivance at the capture of Miss Stone.

Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly tetter, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

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Steamer Bertha Reaches Port

Was Floated on the 18th And Brought Here For Repairs.

The steamer Bertha arrived at the Outer wharf early this morning from Kwakume point, where she ran on the rocks about three weeks ago. She was floated on the 18th, after Divers McHardy and McDonald, of this city, had plugged some of the holes in her hull. The tug Fawn was standing by, and the steamer was taken to a beach south of Namu cannery for temporary repairs to render her fit for the voyage to Victoria. Capt. Turner was at the scene representing the underwriters, and Capt. Johansen was directing the work. The engineers of the steamer are being greatly praised by the salvage company for their work in getting the steamer to the beach. At low tide the vessel was drawing nine feet forward and five feet mine aft. The engineers got up steam and kept the ship's pumps going while the voyage to the beach was being made. There was then five feet of water in the vessel. Temporary repairs were made with planking, sheet lead, and canvas, and on the 20th all was in readiness to start south. On the 21st the Trader arrived with the big pumps of the B. C. Salvage company, which were transferred to the Bertha. On the 22nd a start was made for Victoria, the tug Albion accompanying the steamer. The cargo was left on the rocks, and the Trader remained to load that. Heavy weather was experienced in Queen Charlotte sound, Johnson straits, and the steamer made slow progress because of her damaged condition. She has about 45 feet of her stem broken, and her forefoot knocked off. The Bertha is at the outer wharf, and will probably be repaired here.

FOUR MEN BURNED.

Disastrous Fire at Mine Bunk House in Idaho.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 25.—Four men lost their lives and a dozen others were injured in a fire of unknown origin which destroyed the boarding house and bunk houses of the Standard mine at Mace, Idaho, today. Sixty men were asleep in the buildings when the fire was discovered, and the flames spread with such rapidity that all escape was cut off except through the windows. Most of the injured were hurt while making their escape in this manner.

COPPER DID IT.

A Millionaire Plunger Who Staked His Pile and Lost It.

Frank C. Andrews, the Detroit plunger, had a meteoric career that will serve to point many a moral. He arrived in Detroit twelve years ago, fresh from the country, unknown and almost penniless.

He had five dollars in his pocket, but owed three dollars and seventy-five cents, making his net capital one dollar and a quarter. In a little more than ten years he accumulated $1,000,000, and was only 30 years old.

He was the vice president of the City Savings bank and owned stock in several other banking institutions. He controlled a leading newspaper, was treasurer of three electric railways. He had investments in various mining enterprises, owned a part interest in several industrial concerns, and he held several valuable pieces of real estate.

Andrews had established a reputation as a financier by floating the bonds of his railway companies by organizing a trust company and by helping to organize three banks. He lived in a hundred thousand dollar mansion. He was police commissioner of the city and gave his $5,000 salary to charity and dreamed of the governor's chair at Lansing.

Looking over the situation last August, he found himself worth $1,000,000, and he contemplated retiring from active business, to devote his time to his duties as police commissioner and to his political ambitions.

In an interview he said: "I have nothing to sell and do not wish to buy anything. I have about all I want in this world and will devote part of my surplus energy to assisting others."

ATTRACTED BY COPPER STOCK.

But the plunger could not break the habit of speculation so easily. He thought he saw a chance to make $1,000,000 in Amalgamated Copper stock. He is said to have held from 10,000 to 12,000 shares and to have bought some of it as high as 121.

It went off about sixty points, which might account for a loss of $600,000 to $700,000, but he pyramided his losses by buying on the scale down. His fortune melted away. He became desperate. He tried to recoup in other stocks and lost.

He borrowed $272,000 of the First National bank, $100,000 of the Preston National, and $70,000 of the Detroit Trust company, $60,000 of the State Saving bank and $160,000 of the Detroit National. These loans aggregated $662,000, and Andrews is supposed to have deposited in these banks stocks and bonds worth about $1,000,000 about January 15.

President Pingree of the City Savings bank, went east, and during the next twenty days Vice-President Andrews, it is charged, overdrew his account at that bank by $913,000, forbidding the cashier, E. R. Andrews, to notify the directors. It is alleged that he persuaded the cashier to certify to worthless checks for $662,000, with which the plunger is said to have paid off his indebtedness at the other banks, receiving his securities back.—N. Y. Herald.

BORN.

BELL—At Fairview, the wife of Claude F. Bell, of a daughter.

JONES—On the 24th at Mount Llewellyn, Westholme, the wife of Henry F. Morgan Jones, of a son.

DIED.

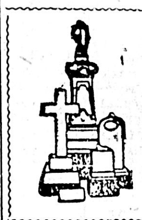
WILSON—In Spokane, on February 15th, Mr. C. M. Wilson, formerly of Sandon, B. C.

HOPE—Near Sumas, B. C., on February 22nd, Charley Hope, an Indian, aged 45 years.

DODDS—At the residence of Mr. Henry Hart, No. 21 San Juan avenue, on the 24th instant, Jane, the beloved wife of William Dodds, a native of County Durham, England, aged 63 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and at Christ Church cathedral at 2:30 o'clock.

Friends please accept this intimation.



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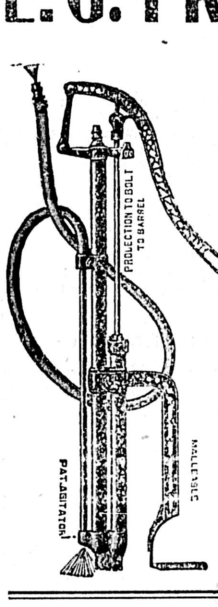

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Victoria	9.00	12.06
		A.M.
Goldstream	9.28	11.38
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46
Cobble Hill	10.33	10.29
Duncans	11.00	10.02
Chemainus	11.32	9.30
	P.M.	
Nanaimo	12.45	8.15
Ar. Wellington	1.00 Lv.	8.00

Northbound. Leave.	Sat. & Su. P.M.	Southbound Arrive. P.M.
Victoria	3.00	6.25
Goldstream	3.28	6.24
Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5.32
Cobble Hill	4.33	5.19
Duncans	5.00	4.47
Chemainus	5.32	4.17
Nanaimo	6.41	3.08
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Second Day With Farmers

Central Institute Spends Day Discussing Important Agricultural Topics.

Breezy Lecture By Prof. C. L. Smith, of Minnesota, on Dairying Generally.

Farmers' institute began yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Several visitors were present, amongst whom were Messrs. Price Ellison, M. P. P., for East Yale; Dr. Tolmie, the veterinary inspector, while Mr. Isaac Hurd, the delegate from Spallumcheen had also arrived. Through the day other visitors also dropped in, amongst whom were noticed Messrs. W. H. Hayward, M. P. P. for Metchosin, and John Oliver, M. P. P. for Delta.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES' ACT.

The first business taken up was Mr. W. H. Ladner's motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ed. Moore, of Alberni, to the effect that the present Contagious Diseases' Act was unnecessary, injurious, and unreliable, and that the Legislature be urged to discontinue the use of tuberculin.

Speaking to his motion, Mr. Ladner offered several instances in proof that the test was not only inaccurate, but was even injurious, and that its use was being called into question very generally amongst stock men, besides showing by an example from his own neighborhood the hardships that were possible to be inflicted under the present act.

Major Mutter, in response to a question by the Deputy Minister, explained that the tuberculin test is not compulsory, and that only in case of a refusal to allow one's cattle to be submitted to this test are the cattle put in quarantine. The law was made for the public good, the protection of the general health of the community, and it was a forgone conclusion that no government would repeal such an enactment at the request of the stock men.

Mr. Miller said that he objected most strenuously to the tuberculin test. It was in his mind wholly bad. But he had no doubt but that the other inspection clauses of the act were good, and desired to see their provisions enforced all around. Every carcase should be well inspected before being placed on the market for sale for human food.

Major Mutter added that he would not permit a cow out of his herd to be treated with the tuberculin test, but this matter had been up before and had led to no action at that time.

Mr. Paisley thought that if the test were a bad one, the farmers should band together for their own protection and have things righted. As it was, at any moment an inspector might bring it home to any of them.

Capt. Stewart intimated that in his part of the country the inspectors had told the farmers that the test was compulsory.

S. F. Tolmie, the veterinary surgeon, told the meeting that no cattle were tested without the consent of the owner, and then at the government expense. He considered that the test was satisfactory in fully 95 per cent. of the cases. A cow might react to the test, and yet be in good condition and fit for human food in the initial stages of the disease.

Some cross-firing between Mr. Tolmie and Mr. Ladner followed, after which the resolution was put and lost.

Mr. Munro Miller followed this with a resolution regarding the meat rather than the milk supply, which ran as follows:

"That this Central Institute urge upon the government, on behalf of the health of the country, the necessity of inspection of all carcasses in slaughter houses, and certifying to fitness for food of all carcasses to be so offered by the duly appointed officers of the Crown."

He considered that the public health demanded good beef, and so all premises and each carcase should be inspected.

Mr. McPhee, of Comox, referred to the fact that a good deal of meat was sold that never entered a butcher's shop. In some districts quite a lot was peddled out, and this should be inspected as well as the butcher's meat, and passed on as fit for food.

Mr. Perry, of Nanaimo, and Mr. Metcalfe, of Maple Ridge, both pointed out how great inconveniences would follow from regulations drafted in accordance with the resolution.

Capt. Stewart turned up the act and showed how ample were the provisions of the present act.

Mr. Miller pointed out in how many instances the statutes read "may" when it should be "shall." Something ought to be done to make a great many of these compulsory instead of optional.

The motion was then put and carried.

THE ADVISORY BOARD.

Major Mutter suggested that instead of recommending six men to the government, the names of all present might well be sent in to the government for their selection for the appointments to the board. This would obviate all questions of invidious distinction.

Mr. Metcalfe pointed out that with these names it would be well to add their particular callings, as the board should not be composed of stock men alone any more than fruit growers.

Mr. Harris thought that it would be much better for the meeting to select six men.

Major Mutter then put his suggestion into the shape of a resolution, to which an amendment was offered by Mr. Paisley, to the effect that the names be selected forthwith. The amendment was carried. The selection of the men to be recommended to the government to positions on the board was, however, postponed.

INSTITUTE LITERATURE.

Mr. Collins, in a resolution, urged that the number of publications sent out by the department be increased, as the good work of this sort of education was most apparent throughout the province. Last year admirable selections had been scattered, and had been very much appreciated.

Mr. Perry suggested that an exchange be arranged with some of the adjoining states, securing thereby a more complete interchange of ideas.

Capt. Stewart pointed out how ably the Deputy Minister had pressed forward this matter, oftimes when it was an up-hill work.

To this Mr. Paisley added the purport of a resolution of thanks voted at his institute in recognition of his very successful efforts along so many lines. (Prolonged applause.)

Mr. J. C. Metcalfe and Mr. Venables both bore testimony to the high standard of excellence of the literature sent out during the past year.

Deputy Minister Anderson pointed out that it might be well to remember that last year the vote of money to this end was wholly exhausted, and that it might be impossible to send out more than was done last year.

In view of this, the resolution was changed to read: "Resolved that the literature already distributed has given much satisfaction, and that the department be requested to continue the same liberality." Carried.

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES.

Capt. Stewart spoke of the good work done in the past through this system, and of the deep interest taken in it by Librarian Scholefield and Inspector Palmer. At present there are about 40 libraries travelling in the province, and all were very highly appreciated, and he was glad to be able to offer the meeting a resolution along these lines.

Mr. Brandrith, in seconding the resolution, added further praise to the good work of the travelling libraries.

Mr. Collins suggested that the libraries be stocked with more agricultural and horticultural works. These were often too expensive for general buying, and yet were very useful. He did not think that there should be quite so much light literature. The government should not be expected to supply books of that sort.

Mr. Metcalfe and several others thought that light literature should well be included in these libraries. They were for all the country folk, and not for the institute people.

The resolution ran that the government extend, and continue to distribute travelling libraries to farming communities, remove some of the older books, replacing them with newer and more up-to-date books which will be instructive to the farmers, and that a sufficient appropriation be granted by the government for that purpose. Carried.

Mr. R. M. Palmer, on behalf of himself and the Parliamentary Librarian, thanked the institute for their kind appreciation of their services in connection with these libraries.

WATER STORAGE.

Mr. Noble introduced the following resolution. That the government be respectfully asked to make an appropriation for the purpose of ascertaining the available quantity of water for irrigation, the area of land available, and the possible cost; and that the Dominion government be asked to assist in this investigation. Carried.

Speaking to it, he told of the great amount of water going to waste for lack of storage basins. Could the water be held up until crop time, large quantities of grain could be grown, for which in the shape of flour, etc., quite large amounts were annually being sent out of the province. He thought that there was a splendid chance at Kamloops for an initial experiment to be made.

Mr. Raymur, in agreeing with Mr. Noble's remarks, pointed out that Mr. Ellison, the representative in the Legislature for East Yale was present and would perhaps like to speak to the question.

At the request of the meeting Mr. Price Ellison then addressed the meeting regarding this matter. It was a question in which he had for years taken a great interest, and at session after session had introduced it on the floor of the House. The present government had given it a great deal of attention, and were hoping to secure the services of an expert who for some time had been in the employ of the Dominion government. There was a great deal of land in the province simply awaiting for the water. So soon as that was put on, enormous crops were at once available. It was quite astonishing what could be grown even from what appeared to be bare gravel beds when water was once supplied to it. At Peachland on Okanagan lake, the deflection of a small stream had made gardens and lawns on what was almost washed beach gravel. It was not the soil, but the water that counted for so much up in the dry belt. He thought, however, that the time was quickly approaching when, with the aid of the government, large areas would be added through systematic irrigation to the fields of the province. Mr. Ellison took his seat amidst a burst of applause.

Mr. Palmer suggested that the Dominion government be asked to recognize its responsibility in this question, the more so because there were many miles of Dominion lands within the dry belt of this province.

In reply to a question of the chair, Mr. Ellison stated that in his district it was not noticeable that irrigation had increased the amount of the rainfall.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

STUMPING POWDER.

It was proposed by Mr. Venables that the government be asked to procure a supply of powder, and place it in the hands of the government agents or provincial constables for storage and distribution. In the past the money had to be sent down before the powder could be sent, but at his institute it had been thought that the government could well guarantee the cost to the powder company, send the powder in five ton lots to the government agents or provincial constables, who should be responsible for it, and sell it out for cash in case lots or upwards.

Mr. Whelpton, in seconding the motion, stated that in his district the trouble was that it could only be had in car lots, and he had been instructed by his institute to ask if it could not be supplied in smaller lots, as farmers only wanted possibly a dozen cases or less.

Mr. Miller pointed out that at present it cost more to get the powder through the government, through the storage and cartage charges, than when the consumer purchased from the company directly. The government price was 10 cents, while the company was ready to sell to private parties at 12 cents.

Mr. J. R. Anderson stated that the C. P. R. had been kind enough to offer that the powder car should be stopped all the way along the line, and any quantity of powder put off as orders required.

Mr. Perry, of Nanaimo, pointed out that powder only cost them when buying at the factory at Northfield at the rate of $7 a hundredweight, and he did not see why in wholesale lots the government should be charged 10 cents a pound.

Mr. Cade, of Mission, thought that there was something wrong in the question of price. The government ought to have been able to buy powder at least as cheap, if not cheaper, than the farmers at Northfield.

Inspector Palmer stated that the freight charges was at first thought to have been the great trouble in the matter, but on the proper representation being made to Mr. George McL. Brown, the C. P. R. company had granted the government not only the privilege of having the car stopped all along the line, and the powder so distributed, but had even granted that this powder for use in clearing the land should be freighted at half the usual rate.

Mr. Hurd, of Armstrong, thought that the question of clearing of the land was the question of cheap powder, while at the present time the powder cost so much as almost to keep back the clearing up of the country.

The discussion was prolonged for a few minutes, when Mr. Anderson informed the institute that he had telephoned Mr. Scott, of the Hamilton Powder company, and had been advised that he would come up in the afternoon in person to aid in reaching some conclusion. The further discussion was then postponed, and the meeting adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On resuming the labors of the meeting at 2 o'clock the discussion of the powder question was resumed, the deputy minister reopening the matter by introducing Mr. Scott, manager of the Hamilton Powder Company.

Mr. Perry, at the instance of the chair, resumed the debate by suggesting that Mr. Scott give the meeting some idea of the proper cost of powder. In response Mr. Scott stated that there had been no variation in the price of powder since the rate of seven cents for loose powder and ten cents for sticks had been given to the government for the purposes of the farmers, and without any instructions from Montreal he was not in a position to submit any changes in these prices.

Mr. Perry, however, retold his tale of cheap powder. While some of the Institute members now present were paying 18 cents a pound or $9 a case, the miners, the road makers and the farmers in clearing their land, as for instance, Mr. Robins, in clearing the big 359 acre property behind Nanaimo were getting their sticks at a $3.50 rate per case.

In reply Mr. Scott stated that there was some mistake, as his company had never sold this grade at less than ten cents in carload lots and twelve cents in less than that quantity. Both the Vancouver Coal Company and Mr. Robins paid these rates for the powder they used. Lower grades of powder were sometimes made up in sticks and over these the mistake was probably made. If it were not a mistake then the matter should be investigated.

In answer to a question of Mr. Harris, Mr. Scott stated that the stumping powder generally handled was that marked "Dualin" and contained 25 per cent. of glycerine, although the percentage was not stamped. Mr. Harris, continuing, thought that if the company would sell more cheaply they would find a much larger market amongst the farmers. But the company, like all other companies and monopolies, made money by bleeding the farmers.

Mr. Cade did not understand how so great a difference in the prices could be explained. In his district they had formerly used a great deal of San Francisco powder, but of late the Hamilton powder held the field, and rightly so, for it was fully a quarter better article.

Mr. McPhee thought that possibly a system of cheap magazines would assist the farmers in getting a cheap article. Messrs. Rithet had one on the spit near Comox for some years and it had served very well until washed away.

Mr. Harris thought that perhaps the Nanaimo people got a cheaper article through its being damaged goods or packages, for if some such explanation was not forthcoming he thought the middlemen were making a good thing out of the farmers.

The question, after some further discussion, came down to one of whether the powder company could not sell in small lots at the ten cent rate, but this, Mr. Scott said, seemed to him about impossible. The company had to keep up magazines several miles out of town. At each of them a man had to be kept, and every trip out for powder, whether for a case or a score of cases, cost so much money. These items quite made up the difference between ten and twelve cents. As to storage, too, powder quickly deteriorated.

Mr. Scott then retired and on the suggestion of Major Mutter a committee consisting of Messrs. Perry, McPhee and Palmer was appointed to discuss this matter further with both the government and Mr. Scott, of the powder company. Mr. Venables' motion was also put and carried.

TRANSPORTATION.

The report of the committee on transportation, appointed at last year's meeting of the Central Institute, and consisting of Messrs. Metcalfe, Hutchinson and Deane, was then read by Mr. J. C. Metcalfe. It ran as follows:

To the Members of the Central Farmers' Institute.

Gentlemen,—We, your committee appointed by the Central Farmers' Institute of last year on transportation, beg herewith to submit a short report of our work.

The committee waited upon Mr. Peters of the Canadian Pacific railway freight department with the view of ascertaining how far they were prepared to concede lower rates on their line to and from different points in the province and to Manitoba and the Northwest, on all kinds of produce and fruit. Mr. Peters of the freight department, who had just been appointed to his present position, did not wish to concede anything until certain information was collected respecting areas and quantities of various products grown and the possible increase of the same, and further as to any hardships or grievances growers and shippers might have in the way of excessive rates and lack of accommodation as to train and car service, etc.

Your committee then issued a printed circular to all the local institutions, Boards of Trade, and some private growers and shippers, calling for this information.

The responses were few. The secretary of the committee then wrote all the organizations, growers and shippers again, urging upon them the necessity of collecting this data, and further, when they considered they were discriminated against in a way of freight rates, etc., to present their cases with all the evidence they could possibly collect bearing upon the matters.

The efforts of your committee did not meet with the response it desired at that time. If they had any hardships or grievances to adjust they were slow in taking advantage of the opportunity presented them.

The secretary of your committee wrote many of them three and four letters again urging and setting forth the necessity of doing so and the advantages to be gained by it. In the end a good deal of data was gathered, but all lacking (with some exceptions), mainly in proof or evidence bearing on the particular cases advanced.

About this time the Canadian Pacific railway and the government appointed a special commissioner to travel the province and elsewhere with the intention of calling upon Institutes, Boards of Trade, manufacturers and growers and shippers of all kinds of produce and fruit, personally, with the view to collect data similar in part to that of your committee.

Your committee deemed it inadvisable to proceed further in their work, but endorsed the appointment as a wise one and necessary in the collecting of reliable data and more particularly from the difficulty your committee experienced in collecting it by correspondence.

We further endorsed it by handing over all data we had collected to the special commissioner, Mr. R. M. Palmer.

Now, although your committee immediately and directly did not see many benefits accruing from their labors, they have since to some extent, through their efforts between growers and shippers and the transportation companies, and further in stimulating our growers and shippers, to collect the necessary data and in preparing them for the call of the special commissioner, Mr. Palmer.

Your committee obtained some concessions from the express company in the way of reductions in the billing weights of small fruit packages from 30 pounds to 25 pounds, and further, on lower rates to Winnipeg and intermediate points on fruit, and in some cases, local concessions.

F. J. DEANE, Chairman.
J. C. METCALFE, Sec.

The report of Mr. Metcalfe was further supplemented by a splendid address Mr. R. M. Palmer in which that gentleman, on the request of the Institute, gave a fair summary if his labors in this behalf as commissioner appointed thereto by the provincial government. This lengthy statement is in effect a summary of his report to the Minister of Agriculture, which it is expected will soon be published and distributed throughout the province.

Mr. Palmer began by reading selections from the letters of the Hon. J. H. Turner appointing him to this position and defining his duties, which extended not only to an enquiry into the freight rates charged on produce, but a thorough investigation into the circumstances of this industry and particularly into the question of possible markets. From other correspondence also read it appeared that Mr. Palmer's work met from the outset with the pronounced approval of the greatest of the transportation companies doing business in this province, namely, of the C. P. R., whose officials rightly held that their interests were wholly identical with those of the producers of their freights. By these gentlemen, viz., Mr. G. M. Bosworth, freight traffic manager; Mr. W. R. McInnes, freight traffic manager, and Mr. F. W. Peters, general freight agent, Mr. Palmer was assured that their company was ready to consider the matters at issue and were desirous of removing any grievances that might exist and to promote the marketing of fruit and produce and the development of that industry if it lay in their power to do so.

This was followed by a personal survey of the province in which both consignors and producers were everywhere interviewed as well as a visit to some of the market points east of the Rockies.

During the progress of the work certain recommendations were made with the result that special rates were granted by the C. P. R., securing reductions of from 20 to 50 per cent. in the freight on shucks and fruit package stuffs, thereby enabling the farmers the more readily to obtain proper and uniform crates for the packing of their crops.

A special rate embodying a reduction of one-third was also obtained on fresh fruits shipped from the coast to Kootenay points, which led to the sending down of trial shipments of two cars during the past summer.

From Okanagan points the concession of mixed cars of vegetables permitted the sending of potatoes, turnips, etc., at their respective carload rates, although some places were unfortunately not in a position to take advantage of it.

At Chilliwack several conferences were held and a change in the hours of the steamboat service resulted to the benefit of the trade.

A reduction in the minimum carload from 36,000 to 24,000 pounds brought some of these advantages more within the reach of the smaller producers and did much to encourage the potato trade.

A 30 per cent. reduction in the rate on vegetables to Calgary enabled the earlier ripening potatoes of the upper country to be placed on the market there before the N. W. T. crop was ready to dig.

A special arrangement regarding stumping powder was made through which not only was the rate cut in half, but provision made for stopping the car here and there to distribute its load.

Through the Dairymen's and Live Stock Association the rate on stockers from Ontario was reduced to $175 a car, an arrangement which led to the importation of at least 2,000 head. Through the association all or any cattlemen could obtain the advantage of this rate. The C. P. R. also granted free transportation to the expert brought in by the Fruit Growers to instruct in the picking and packing of fruit; also to the gentleman accompanying the car of fruit shipped to Winnipeg.

The matter of special cars and fast service are at present being considered by the railway company, and will doubtless be arranged for as the growth of the trade authorizes.

Mr. Palmer was glad to report excellent fruit crops during the past season, but considered that the greatest difficulty was to be found in the inadequate quantity to be had. The demand far exceeded the supply, the latter not being large enough for the trade to depend upon for its regular supplies. The wholesalers of many places had to look elsewhere at times, and so the trade of the province suffered and prices were not so high as they might be. The province was capable of producing far more abundantly and in Manitoba and the Territories was an ever increasing market to be found. In Winnipeg there was a marked demand for strawberries and other small fruit, the former being now imported there from the Hood River district in Oregon in spite of the duty. Last year four cars from there cost in freight and duty over $3,000.

Imperfect packing was one of the causes leading to bad prices too, for so much so was this the case that lots of plums were five pounds light per box, while the American fruit with which it entered into competition, was picked at the proper time and packed to perfection. For this reason it held the market in the face of the duty and freight rates running from $1.12 to $1.40, while the rate from British Columbia points to Winnipeg was but $1, and in some instances less.

It is estimated that the Winnipeg market took 50 carloads of peaches, plums and pears in 1901, so that it is a field well worth fighting for.

Mr. Palmer pointed out, too, that Winnipeg and Brandon were not now the sole wholesale points of that country, but that the tide of emigration setting westward was bringing Calgary into considerable prominence, and that already a good market was to be found there.

Turning to the markets of the Kootenay, Mr. Palmer found them so near to Washington points as to be very difficult to compete in. Fresh fruit from Bosberg was even hauled in by wagons to Rossland, while in Spokane, the big distributing point of that country, a steady supply could always be secured. Here, too, the package question was so far against our people, the American fruit being much neater and handier in its putting up. The sole exception in which British Columbia held the market there was in the case of fresh lettuce shipped from Victoria. Even in hay the Americans seemed to produce the article required, a straight clean timothy, and so held the field.

In the North, late and early, Dawson demanded a lot of vegetables and made a good market. On the whole, Mr. Palmer seemed to find in the Northwest Territories the largest and most profitable market for British Columbia producers.

Mr. Palmer was warmly applauded on taking his seat, and the following resolution was at once offered by Mr. Cade, seconded by Mr. Venables, and carried unanimously:

Resolved, that the Institute desires to impress on the government and the C. P. R. the necessity for continuing the special tariff commissioner, Mr. R. M. Palmer, in the work so able conducted by him during the past season.

And it was further moved by Munroe Miller, and seconded by J. Churchland, and carried, that this Central Institute wishes to convey to the government its appreciation of the services of Mr. R. M. Palmer in the arrangement and manipulation of freight rates as well as the intelligent manner in which his reports are made, so made that all may readily understand what he wishes to convey.

And further, that we tender him our sincere thanks for his very excellent, entertaining and instructive report.

At the instance of Mr. Cade, Mr. D. R. Ker was then invited to address the Institute, which that gentleman then did, going at some length into the question of the hay and produce trade with Dawson.

Mr. John Oliver was then invited to speak and doing so, discussed at some length his proposed amendments to the Wide Tire Act and some other questions.

BIRDS.

Speaking to this subject both Messrs. Collins and Brandrith championed the cause of the birds, who, if they did occassionally pick an apple or a cherry or two, for at least eight months in the year the crow and the blue jay are not only not destructive, but very beneficial to all farmers and gardeners. In the stomach of one crow alone so many as 119 cut worms had been found, so that even they do some good. The shooting of birds by small boys had in many instances almost exterminated the small birds, so much so that a drive from Vancouver to New Westminster showed very few left.

Mr. Cade stated that he did not permit the shooting of a bird over his land excepting the willow grouse. The latter destroyed the apple buds in great numbers.

Capt. Stewart thought that the crows did not deserve protection. They destroyed a great deal of fruit as well as ducklings and goslings as well as other small birds that were amongst the farmer's best friends.

Mr. Ladner lamented the loss of his cherries every spring.

With but little more debate, Mr. Collins' motion, seconded by Capt. Stewart, to the effect that the government be asked to pass an act for the better preservation of beneficial (insectiferous) birds, was carried.

THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. C. Metcalfe spoke of the highly gratifying success of the experimental car of fruit last year. The car was sent on to Winnipeg, possibly the farthest point to be reached from here. To go so far the best packing was requisite, and so the association got in an expert to help to raise the standard of that sort of work. In various points he had seen the fruit from British Columbia weighed, and has found that it was four and five pounds short. The plums had been simply dumped in, and when properly packed there was not enough fruit to fill the box. In this question of packing the Americans were a long way ahead of us. In fact, all through, a greater degree of care is requisite. Picking, packing, marking and every other part of the business must all receive the greatest attention. Winnipeg affords a good market but a peculiar one. There the business is controlled by an exchange that did not allow the market to become glutted at any time.

The following motion offered by Capt. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Collins, was then carried: That the work carried on during the past year by the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association has been of great value to growers and shippers of fruit and could be continued with great advantage to the fruit growers of this province.

FENCING RAILWAY LINES.

On this question it was moved by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Perry, and carried, that some easier and cheaper way should be devised for recovering damage for loss of animals through neglect on the part of railway companies to keep their fences in repair, and to urge upon the government the importance of having all railway fences at once put in good repair.

In response to the request of the chair, Mr. Hayward, M.P.P., spoke briefly to this question, and amongst other things, pointed out the difference between railways operating under a Dominion and a provincial charter. There was no doubt, however, of their liability regarding the farmers, although it was often a difficult matter to get damages when cattle had been disturbed.

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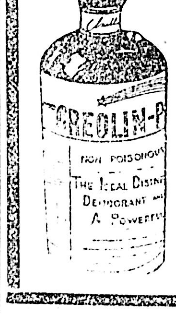

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The motion of the Premier made yesterday that the House adjourn until next Monday, was a surprise to those not in the confidence of members of the House. The Premier stated that he asked the House for an adjournment for "certain reasons" without disclosing what those reasons was. It is evident from the fact that the adjournment was agreed to by every member of the House and passed unanimously, that the government would not ask for such an adjournment without reasons for it which would make it justifiable to all. These reasons must be allowed to disclose themselves at the proper time, and the confidence in the Premier expressed by all sections of the House (without prejudice of course to conscientious differences of opinion will be fully shared and endorsed by the country.

DEEDS OF SUBSTANCE.

As the session wears on, and the present government is called to an account of its stewardship, there can be no question but that it will gain strength both in the opinion of the country and of the House. It is certainly not a debater's government. At least it does not occupy itself with such questions as "Because a seat is a seat, is it therefore a place?" varied with a long discussion on the modification of this important point, "If a place is a place does it remain a place in the absence of a seat, or is the presence of a seat an essential qualification in the true nature of a place?" To the legal Ruperts of debate who follow Mr. McBride, these and such like may appear highly important questions, and anyone unwilling to discuss them at abnormal length is unqualified to govern a country. But with the people of British Columbia, a government reserving its attention for more important matters is bound to gain in strength if only through the public exhibition of the puerility of its opponents. It so happens, however, that the government has a record of deeds of substance to show, which will appear in clear relief as the session proceeds. The mining industry, the commerce of the country, the agriculture of the country, and the taxpayers of the country, will be found to owe a great debt of gratitude to the present government. In connection with the mining industry one of the greatest drawbacks under which it suffered, was the lack of prompt and accurate information. All sorts of injurious and inaccurate reports were continually in circulation, forming a body of opinion outside the country hostile to its character and resources. There was no way of combatting the results of this process. Now, however, the facts are put in the possession of the public without delay, and the friends of British Columbia are armed to sustain its reputation. To an industry like the mining industry, dependent on the breath of life on outside capital, this is not a small, but a great thing. Its good effects are already visible. We are ready to give Mr. McBride the credit for exceedingly good work in the Department of Mines. It is really a very strange thing to find that gentleman at daggers drawn with a government, with not a single principle of whose policy he is out of harmony. It is rather curious that no one in the endless discussions about leadership asked the question of how Mr. McBride could exercise the constitutional functions of leader of the Opposition without absolutely stultifying himself.

In the Department of Agriculture, there is obviously a well-directed attempt to stimulate and encourage the cultivators of the soil. It began with the active investigation of railway rates on agricultural produce, and is going on actively now. If there is a farmer in British Columbia who wishes to see a change of government at the present time, he is singularly blind to his own interest. There is a revived enthusiasm and zeal in reference to agriculture, in great measure due to unobstrusive, but real and effective, deeds of substance which have been accomplished by the government. In the brightening outlook for commerce with Australia and the Orient in products of this province, not a single opportunity can be pointed out which has not been improved by the present government. A great mass of actual work has been accomplished to which we will not refer in detail at present, but which will amaze the province at the patience and perseverance with which the resources of the country have been investigated and opportunities of development embraced.

In the matter of finances, deeds of substance are by no means lacking. New sources of revenue have been investigated, the incidence of present taxation has been studied and numerous important economies have been introduced. We predict that the budget speech of the Minister of Finance will be an interesting and instructive performance, and will set a seal upon the financial policy of this country for many years to come, whether the Department is administered by friend or foe of the present incumbent.

If to these things and others we add the development of a comprehensive railway policy in the face of great difficulties and self-seeking opposition, as well as the province's case in reference to its relations with the Dominion, then indeed do we find deeds of substance of great practical advantage to the community. Against it all are set puerilities of debate and the internecine warfare of political faction.

CROW'S NEST COAL LANDS.

At the time when the Crow's Nest Coal Company now operating the mines at Fernie was incorporated, certain regulations were made restricting the company in the matter of its right to charge an undue price for its product, and in other ways to protect the Canadian consumer. It was recognized that this company would in the nature of things have more or less of a monopoly. As regulations are in themselves of little practical effect in restraining a monopoly unless there is some leverage to make them enforceable, the Dominion government reservd the right to retain 50,000 acres of these coal lands and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company got a claim on 3,840 acres, entering under an obligation, however, not to mine coal for a period of ten years from 1897. In this way the possibility of a competitive supply was supposed to be assured, if there were any attempted evasion of the restrictive regulations on the part of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, or any diversion of the coal from the purposes it was intended to serve, namely, the development of industry through the southeastern mining sections of the province.

The coal beds of the Crow's Nest field cover a considerable area and from certain points are very easy and economical to mine, but from those points only. The coal field is intersected by three creeks whose valleys or canyons traverse the beds of coal. From the sides of these valleys the coal may be approached, and lateral workings to any extent developed, by means of adit tunnels run in upon the coal itself. In the first mine opened the simplicity of the operation was a remarkable provision of nature. From the portal of the mine the coal measure itself inclined upward at just a sufficient angle to adequately drain the mine. There are three of those creeks by whose erosion nature has minimized the engineering problem of approaching the coal, and consequently there are six economical mining sites, and six only. Apart from the possession of one of them, coal lands in the Crow's Nest field are not of immediate practical value. Everyone is familiar with the modifications in the policy of the Crow's Nest Coal Company since its incorporation. Although Mr. J. J. Hill does not actually control the Crow's Nest Coal Company, still, the policy of that company is now directed to feeding industry tributary to the Great Northern Railway. It may be said that this does not necessarily involve starving the Canadian mining industry tributary to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The rivalry between the two railways might cause it to mean this at any time however. Surely, therefore, safeguards considered necessary in 1897 are not less necessary in 1902. These safeguards consist of the 54,000 acres of land reserved from the control of the Crow's Nest Coal Company. This land, however, is valueless to safeguard anything, if there is no economical method of reaching the coal which lies under it. At the present time, the Crow's Nest Coal Company controls five out of the six available sites, and it has been alleged that the delay on the part of Mr. Clifford Sifton in selecting the government's land, reveals an intention to permit the Crow's Nest Coal Company to absorb the sixth site also. What Mr. Sifton's intentions are is of course a question on which no direct evidence is procurable. But as to his duty there can be no manner of question whatever. It is his duty to act, and to act quickly, so that, in the event of a policy hostile to the Canadian consumer manifesting itself in the operations of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, the government should have power to safeguard those interests in the manner originally intended. Unless the south bank of Morrissey creek, the last remaining portal of the coal fields, is retained absolutely beyond control of the Crow's Nest Coal Company forever, the government is divested of all power, and the mining and smelting industry of southeastern British Columbia subjected to the possibility of serious discrimination at any moment.

Several members of the House have seen fit, on a question of privilege, to impugn the substantial accuracy of the Colonist's report of the proceedings in the House on Monday afternoon, and this action led to a general discussion as to how it all happened. Every one of the members who spoke gave a different version of the occurrence, as eye-witnesses do and always will do, particularly if they were under the influence of passion at the time the events they are trying to describe transpired. The Colonist reporter was at least dispassionate, and probably his report will be generally accepted as substantially accurate as compared with a number of descriptions which all differed from one another in respects more or less material. There are some incidents which it is as well to allow to sink into oblivion and that as speedily as possible.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

POLITICAL CHAOS.

Sir,—The scandalous proceedings in the House yesterday may be amusing to many, but is not that for which the people of British Columbia have elected representatives. There is a good theatre in Victoria, also places and opportunities for football and other games, but every thing in its place. We have already experienced full three years under similar conditions of misrule as now exist, with no visible means of an efficient and businesslike government. The present House is so entangled in the hydra of a weak government and a badly split-up opposition that no matter what the next move, it will remain hopelessly entangled. Has our much learning and love of form, rule and precedent forever blinded us to the pure and simple idea of "council," as inaugurated under the old term "Witenagemot"?

Are we to stand meekly by while the men we have elected to transact the business of this province waste time and money in senseless bickerings and quarrelings? Verily do we need a Cromwell, with the people of the province at his back, to make an end of this long-played-out "game of politics," and to see to it that a few competent business men be appointed to carry out the wishes of the people with the same care and despatch as they would use in their own private affairs. A. J. M.

LADIES' SPORT.

Sir,—In the account of the ladies' hockey of Saturday last, in Sunday's paper, it says: "A Vancouver forward sent the ball through with a swift shot in the fact the whistle had blown, but the goal was allowed." Now, sir, that goal ought not to have been allowed. If it is true the whistle was blown, the match was over and the goal should not have been counted. More than this, it was rumored the team had played 2½ minutes over time. Now, this is not a square deal, and though no complaint has been made by the home team, out of courtesy to their visitors, it is hard for them to lose a well earned victory by bungles of this kind. Such a mess would not be brooked by a football team, and why should it be calmly submitted to by the ladies? Hoping you will find a space in your paper for my letter.

FAIR AND SQUARE.

WHAT HE SAID.

Sir,—Permit me to correct your report of what I said on the subject of Point Ellice bridge at last night's council meeting. Your report says that I stated that I had promised at election time to vote for a stone bridge, but only in the event of a stone bridge not being too costly. What I did say is, that I did not at election time promise to vote for a stone bridge, but that certain figures had been laid before the board which, if correct, would go to show that it would be advisable to build a stone bridge and that the matter should be considered before a conclusion was arrived at.

The figures were incorrect, and I hold myself quite free to vote according to my judgment.

G. H. BARNARD.

PRESS COMMENTS.

Lord Strathcona has forwarded to the government a letter in which an English firm complains that it took six months to elicit an answer from a Montreal concern to an inquiry that might have brought trade to Canada, and that after waiting that long only a very unsatisfactory reply was received. The writer adds: "We can quite understand that Canadian business does not increase if it is carried on in this way." This, it must be apparent, is a very flimsy ground on which to base a general complaint against Canadian business men. We venture to say that as a rule the successful business men of Canada are as prompt and as courteous in their attention to prospective customers as those of any country. The letter in question may remind us what to avoid, but it is not to be assumed from one instance that this violation of business ethics is general among Canadians.—Mail and Empire.

To the left of the Speaker the Dickey birds sat
Singing, "Folio, Portfolios, Portfolios,"
And I said to them, "Dickey birds, where are you at,
With your "Folios, Portfolios, Portfolios?"
Is it weakness of intellect, birdles?" I cried.
"Or an overdose deadly of Dickey McBride?"
With a shake of their poor little heads they replied,
"Give us "Folios, Portfolios, Portfolios."
—Vancouver Province.

Something must have gone wrong in the Legislature on Thursday, when "Dick" McBride's opposition forces made their first assault upon the Dunsmuir government. Before the House met there were all kinds of assurances flying around to the effect that a majority of the members were pledged to vote against the government, but when it came to a show down they were not there. Nor is it likely that the opposition will develop any further strength as the session progresses.—Nelson Tribune.

In order to interest people generally more intimately in the financial affairs of the city, the new comptroller of New York introduced some novel features into the sale of city bonds recently advertised. Instead of disposing of them in big blocks to a few large monetary concerns, he has opened the sale to everybody who has ten dollars, or any multiple of that sum, to invest. As an additional inducement to small investors, he has offered a rebate of ten per cent for a single bond of ten dollars, which will be awarded to the applicant before the million dollars tendered for by a banker at the same price will be granted. The comptroller believes that the more single bonds are purchased by people in modest circumstances, the keener, more active and intelligent will be the interest taken in civic affairs by the public. It will largely increase the number of watchful eyes on the doings of the City Council, and stimulate a wholesome popular pride in the city. The low rate of interest allowed by the savings banks should make these bonds attractive to people of small capital, and it is sound doctrine to bring this sort of investment within the reach of as large a number as possible.—Montreal Witness.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

MORE SHINGLE MILLS.

From Westminster Columbian.

Mr. Henry Hunter, for fourteen years engaged in milling enterprises in Everett, Wash., is in the city. Mr. Hunter's business is to look for a site for a large shingle mill which he is thinking of establishing on this side of the line. So far he is very favorably impressed with the advantages offered by New Westminster, but is going to have a look around the country before deciding. He says he sees the finish of the timber in Washington, and since British Columbia put on the $1 export duty, he thinks it more profitable to move his plant here. He only wonders the duty was not imposed years ago.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

From Nelson Miner.

Edwin G. Smyth, manager of the C. P. R. telegraph office in this city, has received a letter from his brother who is fighting in South Africa. He writes that the Canadians have been divided and put into other troops. He was in troop 17 and he and three other Canadians were put into troop 12. Since he went to South Africa he has been in five engagements, and has seen some hot fighting. In the first engagement his horse was shot under him, and in the last he received a bullet in the knee. The wound is not a serious one, and when the letter was written Trooper Smyth expected to be all right in a few days.

HORSES AND MULES.

From Ashcroft Journal.

Robert Borland left Ashcroft, Tuesday, with a pretty nice string of horses and mules, which he will take to his Williams Lake ranch. The mules, twelve in number, were used by the Dominion government exploration party in the north a couple of years ago, and since that time have done nothing. Naturally they are in splendid condition. The horses Mr. Borland purchased from the Graves ranch in Nicola. Some of them are breeding stock and a fine looking lot they are.

KEEPS HIS EYES.

From Nelson Tribune.

Mike Egan, who came so near losing his life a few days ago, was operated on on Wednesday last, when his thumb and first finger were amputated. Dr. Hall and Rose, who were attending him, say the patient will retain the sight of both eyes.

FREIGHT AT NELSON.

From Nelson Tribune.

There were over 300 cars in the C. P. R. yards on Thursday night all bound east or west. Many trains of 30 and 40 cars each are being handled each day between Nelson and Balfour. Coal and coke constitute a considerable number of the carloads.

FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Many Settlers Going to Kootenay From the United States.

While in Rossland yesterday on a business trip, says the Rossland Miner of Feb. 15th, Colonel W. N. Brayton, of Kaslo, general land commissioner for the Kaslo & Slocan railroad, gave the Miner some interesting details of the work accomplished by his company in securing settlers for the railroad reserves in East Kootenay. The Kaslo & Slocan road owns a large territory adjoining the Kootenay Reclamation lands, and stretching between Creston on the Crow's Nest road and Port Hill. For several years the company has been exerting itself to place setters on the lands in question, but in the past twelve months they seem to have been more successful than at any previous juncture since the lands were thrown open.

"Last month we disposed of 27,000 acres of ground in lots ranging from a section down, principally in quarter sections," remarked Colonel Brayton. "These are sold by the company at $4 per acre and upwards, although well worth considerably more. The company relinquishes to settlers all timber rights also. The lots thus sold call for a one-third payment in cash at the time of sale, with the balance spread over a period of two years, and by this means we secure a superior class of settlers, as others are unable to procure the ready cash necessary to consummate deals.

"Among the last lot of settlers to determine to settle in British Columbia is a party of 40 families who move from Oklahoma where they now reside. These people are first class farmers and will devote their attention largely, after clearing their lands, to fruit raising, for which the ground is particularly well adapted, and for which a large market will be afforded in the Kootenays and the Territories. Other settlers are coming in constantly from the Middle states, St. Paul being a favorite point for consigning settlers' effects west."

FOR SINKING SHIPS.

Suggestion Due to Loss of Condor.

E. Colegate, an English engineer, has written the London Daily Mail in connection with the loss of the Condor, suggesting that each ship should carry a buoy bearing the name of the vessel, thus buoy being on a clear part of the deck and connected with a wire cord, wound on a reel. Thus, when a ship sinks, the buoy would float, the cord would pay out, and the exact fate and whereabouts of the lost vessel would be known to the first ship passing that way.

A NEW RECRUITING SCHEME.

Report That Men Will be Raised in the Colonies for the Army.

From London Military Mail.

We understand from what should be and authoritative source that the government has under consideration at the present time a scheme to obtain an ample supply of men for the army without the necessity of resorting to the militia ballot.

The idea is to establish a recruiting centres for every branch and department of the army in all the colonies, and at the same time to improve the pay and general status of the army in many ways. Prominent among these reforms is likely to be permission, under certain necessary restrictions, for men to sleep out of barracks.

HERE AND THERE.

Several days ago there was a trial in one of the courts, and a lawyer was engaged in endeavoring to shake the testimony of an old lady who was one of the principal witnesses for the plaintiffs. Finally, he asked:
"Who have you talked to about this case?"
"Nobody."
"Didn't Colonel Blank, the lawyer, speak to you about it?"
"No, sir."
Didn't Mr. Smith, the plaintiff, ask you what you would testify to?"
"No."
"Do you mean to tell this jury that you have talked to nobody about it?"
"Yes, sir."
"Well, how did they know what you would tell?"
"They knew I'd tell the truth."—Memphis Scimitar.

Teddy — Mamma, Tommy knocked me down on the way home from school today. (After a pause.) But I gave him a bat in the eye!
Mamma—Before he knocked you down, Teddy, or afterwards?—Somerville, Mass., Journal.

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Willie, he said to her little brother the day after he had asked her to be his, do you know that you are going to have me for your big brother?
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A NEW ANTIDOTE FOR ALCOHOL.

From the Times and Opinion, London Eng.

A recent remarkable discovery in medicine which has been found to annihilate all appetite for alcoholic drink in a few hours, even in the most hopeless cases, is attracting a good deal of attention among those interested in temperance work. The medicine is purely vegetable, perfectly harmless, and absolutely free from narcotics. Many well-known physicians who carefully watched several patients while being treated during a demonstration given by the discoverer, Mr. A. Hutton Dixon, of Toronto, Canada, under the auspices of a number of clergymen, philanthropists, and others, are endorsing this new product as being the only physical cure for alcoholism yet discovered which leaves no evil after-effects. The morphine and similar drug craves also yield to this new medicine, and the beneficial results from its use in aggravated cases are extremely satisfactory. A strong argument in favor of this welcome help to unfortunate victims of these troubles is that the medicine can be carried in the pocket and taken in absolute privacy, thus dispensing with the publicity, loss of time and expense of an institute treatment. A report of the results of above-mentioned demonstration and full particulars regarding this medicine can be obtained by addressing Mr. Dixon, 81 Willcocks street, Toronto, Ontario.

Little Elsie—Mamma says you are a self-made man, Uncle George. Are you. Uncle George—Yes, my dear. Little Elsie—You must have made yourself in the dark, didn't you?—Chicago Daily News.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Customs Sale.—Acting under instructions from Collector Milne, Auctioneer Jones will sell on March 5 a lot of unclaimed and seized goods.

Paid His Fine.—Outside of the boys there was only one offender in the city police court yesterday, a drunk, who was fined $5 and paid it.

A Axe to Grind.—A Douglas street hardware man displays in his window the somewhat startling sign "Have you an axe to grind?" The seasonable, if personal, query is appropriately hung to a grind stone.

Victoria Clearing House.—The totals of the Victoria Clearing House for the week ending February 25, were $532,394, and clearings $173,339. For 1901 the clearings were $394,128, and for 1900, $432,034.

Island's Resources.—The adjourned meeting of the Board of Trade will be held at the Board of Trade building at 3 this afternoon. Invitations have been sent to the island members of the legislature to attend to speak on the resources of the Island.

Lecture on Kipling.—Miss Agnes Deans Cameron will deliver a lecture on "Rudyard Kipling" before the Victoria Literary and Debating society in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this evening. The public are cordially invited to attend.

HAT NEWS

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Annual Dinner.—The members of No. 2 company will hold their annual dinner on Thursday at the Victoria Cafe, at 8.15 p. m. Every member attending must be in uniform.

Funeral Tomorrow.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Dodds will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from No. 21 San Juan avenue, and at 2:30 at Christ Church cathedral.

The Creation.—The practice for "The Creation" will be held as usual tonight at 8 o'clock, in the Metropolitan Methodist church. It is hoped that all will make an effort to attend.

Owner Wanted.—An imitation lady's astracan coat was picked up on Douglas street yesterday afternoon. The owner can have it by calling at the office of Sergeant of Detectives Palmer.

First Degree.—Columbia lodge, I. O. O. F., will this evening advance a member to the first degree. A report will also be presented from the Library committee, which met on Monday evening, as to the cost of the proposed addition to the library, and the increased expense of maintenance.

Banner Lodge.—At the regular bimonthly meeting of Banner lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., held Monday night, three new members were initiated and applications were read from three other candidates. This lodge is growing very rapidly, no less than eight members having been "put through."

Alberni Route.—Messrs. Hayward and Neill, M. P. P., together with a committee of the Board of Trade will hold a conference this morning with Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the C. P. N. company, in regard to subsidies for the Alberni route, and will present their report at the meeting of the board to be held this afternoon at 3.

New Firm.—M. Gutman, who for some years has conducted his fur business at the corner of Bastion Square and Wharf street, has joined forces with Mr. Lindley, the taxidermist, on Government street, near the postoffice. The new firm, in addition to carrying on the taxidermistry and fur business, propose to add that of fur garment manufacturing.

Valuable Dog Stolen.—Elsewhere in this issue, T. P. McConnell is advertising for his valuable English setter bitch Victoria Belle II. Belle was taken from his residence yesterday afternoon. She is black and white ticked on body, with black on one side of head. A few weeks ago she gave birth to a litter of puppies by Champion Roy Montez, and is still nursing them. She is also just over a very severe attack of dysentery. Her loss at this time is a most severe one.

Epworth League.—Monday night a very enjoyable social time was spent by the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church at the parsonage, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the society by the pastor for the occasion. Games of all kinds and music whiled away the time very pleasantly, refreshments being served during the evening, and it was not until the hands of the clock had very nearly reached the hour of eleven that the merry-making party broke up.

Exporting Logs.—A petition is being circulated among the mill men of the province, asking the provincial government to continue the restrictions which have been placed on the shipping of logs. The petition recites the facts that the mills of British Columbia are capable of handling all the logs cut at present, and the fact that the timber reserves on the Sound are very much depleted, hence the lumbermen of those parts are looking to British Columbia from whence to draw supplies. The petition is being largely signed.

Pianoforte Recital.—Waitt's music hall was packed to the doors last evening by a fashionable audience, who much enjoyed the programme given by Miss Amina Wey's pupils. All acquitted themselves creditably. The violin, also piano solos by little Alma Clarke received great applause, and an encore was demanded to her rendering of Raffs' "Cavatina." Little Vivian Blackwood's rendition of a Chopin valse was also encored. Miss Millie Green, a former pupil of Miss May's, and recently a pupil of Dr. Fisher, of Toronto, gave Moskowski's "Air de Ballet," with great success. The vocalists were all pupils of Mrs. W. E. Green, and their sweet voices showed careful and conscientious training. The piano used was a superb Steinway Grand.

Ladies of the Maccabees.—The regular meeting of the Ladies of the Maccabees was held in the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, yesterday. There was a good attendance of members, and the business of the order was discussed with keen interest and plans suggested for further increasing the membership and the interest in the work. A communication was received from Mrs. Marion B. Baxter, deputy supreme commander, regarding the future of the work. Mrs. Lorimer, of Seattle, who has been in the work for years, was present and addressed the meeting, referring to the success of the order in Seattle. Her remarks were listened to and suggestions as to the future of the work in Victoria were discussed with much interest. It was decided to have the next meeting of a social nature, which will be open to friends of the members. A committee was appointed to arrange for the same.

Concert Tonight.—Tonight in Temperance hall, one of the most enjoyable kinds of entertainment will be presented. Ye Olde Folkes concerts have always been successful, and never failed to please the audiences, and no effort has been spared on this occasion to make this concert a splendid success. The stage will be transformed into a large drawing room, with beautiful furnishing and furniture suited for the occasion. The costumes of the performers are gems of the costumers' art, and will delight the eye of ladies and gentlemen alike. The performers are all well known to Victorians, and each one has a reputation of being second to none in his or her line. It is seldom an entertainment of this kind is offered, and those desirous of being present and getting a seat should be on hand early. There are no tickets on sale. Doors open at 7:30 o'clock. The programmes are unique and well worth keeping as a souvenir of such an occasion.

Dairymen to Meet.—The Dairymen's association will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the City hall. The Hon. Mr. Smith, of Minnesota, will address the meeting. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Festival Service.—A meeting called at the instance of Mr. Robert Taylor of the organists and choir masters of the city was held last night to discuss the proposition to hold a musical festival service in the near future. The meeting was very enthusiastic and it was unanimously decided to hold another meeting next Tuesday at the rooms of the Hicks Piano Company to take up the matter of the programme.

Daughter Missing.—Mrs. Mary Arundel, of Seattle, has written the police asking them to locate her daughter, Bridget Todd. The daughter came to Victoria with her little daughter with the intention of marrying a clerk named John Nicholson. The mother wrote, but has received no reply from her daughter, and is consequently worrying. The police have been unable to locate the missing woman.

Another Club.—Another local athletic association was formed at a meeting held in Johns Bros.' hall on Monday evening, when the following officers were elected: President, F. McConnell; secretary-treasurer, T. W. Walker. They will act until regular officers are appointed. The baseball team will at once commence practising, and a committee was appointed to secure grounds and supplies. H. McConnell and K. Hughes were elected captain and secretary respectively. The association colors will be red and black.

Successful Concert.—The school room of the Metropolitan Methodist Church was well filled last evening, the occasion being a concert given by a number of well known local amateurs. The programme proved very interesting, but unfortunately Rev. Elliot S. Rowe, who was to have assisted, was unable to attend owing to ill-health. A number of pretty selections were rendered by the orchestra of 15 pieces, and the selections by Mr. A. T. Goward, Mr. Stitt, Mr. G. Hicks, Mrs. G. Hicks, and Mrs. Wm. Gregson, were greatly appreciated.

Soliciting Subscriptions—The Canadian South African Memorial Association, of which the Governor-General is patron, is calling for subscriptions for the following objects: To locate the graves of Canadians who have lost their lives in South Africa in the service of the Empire since the outbreak of hostilities in 1899; to obtain subscriptions for the purpose of raising an amount sufficient to allow of suitable memorials being erected over the graves of the above and to arrange for the erection of the said memorials. A list has been placed in the Colonist office and subscriptions will be acknowledged.

Council Meeting.—A meeting of the city council was held last night to further consider the estimates. Before the consideration of the estimates Messrs. Smith and Morrison appeared and addressed the council, petitioning for an abatement of the nuisance caused by an open drain near St. Lawrence street, James Bay, which they said Sanitary Officer Wilson had neglected to report. Arrangements were made whereby the city will agree to pay half the cost providing the holders of the two houses draining into it will pay the other half. Mr. Wilson explained his actions in connection with the matter satisfactorily.

Death of P. Woolacott.—As will be seen by the dispatch from Vancouver in this morning's issue, Mr. P. Woolacott, who for some years has been provincial constable at Alert Bay, died at that place last Sunday and his remains are being brought to Victoria for interment. The late Mr. Woolacott was an old-time Victorian and a pioneer of the province. He was always a keen rifleman and for years was one of the best local marksmen. As a member of the old Victoria Rifles he did yeoman service for the volunteer movement in its early days in this city. At the time the Rifles were reorganized as an artillery corps Mr. Woolacott was in command of No. 2 Company. He leaves a widow and a grown up family. His two sons are accompanying the remains to this city for interment.

SEVEN BOYS IN LOCKUP

Some Have Serious Charges to Answer to—Others Were Mischievious.

There are at present in the city lockup seven boys, the eldest of whom is 19 years of age, and the others ranging from 11 to 16, and the police are looking for others. The boys are: James Bates, aged 11 years, arrested for entering the residence of Walter Wilson and stealing a watch and ring, the Confederate $20 bill which he took and had changed at a grocery store not being considered, as it is valueless; Albert Cole, aged 19; Emyle Olsen, aged 15; Albert Earle, aged 14, and Albert Dick, aged 16, charged with stealing a boom chain from Williams' wharf; and Atkinson, Clunness and Hansen, arrested for damaging signs. The police believe that Hansen and another boy for whom they are looking, are responsible for the damage to the signs. No charge has as yet been laid against Bates, but he will appear in court this morning. The charge against the boys for stealing the boom chain was partly heard yesterday, and will be continued today.

TO SECURE ATTRACTION

Committee of Musicians Will try to Get Stars to Visit the City.

Recognizing the desirability of securing good musical attractions in Victoria, a syndicate of local musical enthusiasts has been formed with the object of engaging some of the very excellent concert companies that tour the Pacific coast, but which usually pass by the city as incapable of supporting anything good. Melba, Paderewski, Nordica, Petschinikoff and Mark Hambourg are stars in the musical firmament who have given concerts in Portland, Seattle and Tacoma during the past year or so, and at the same time have given Victoria a wide berth. The Capital has long been recognized as a musical centre, and yet up to date no organized effort has been made to secure good musical aggregations. With this object in view a committee composed of Dr. R. Nash, G. J. Burnett, E. A. Powell, C. A. Lombard and B. J. Bantly, have decided that in future the city will not be overlooked in this regard, provided, of course, they are assured of support at the hands of local music lovers. Should they meet with the success they anticipate in securing subscribers, it is their intention to engage that eminent violiniste, Leonora Jackson, at present touring the Pacific coast, for a recital in the Institute Hall next month. Miss Jackson was a favorite pupil of the renowned Joachim, and is ranked with Maud Powell as one of the leading violinistes of the age.

Adjourned Till Monday

Unruly Members of Legislature Attempt to Clear Themselves of Blame.

Accuse the Colonist of Publishing Incorrect Statement of Their Conduct.

Legislative Chamber, Feb. 25.—(Third Day.)

The Speaker took the chair at 2:20 o'clock p. m.

Rev. Canon Beanlands offered prayer.

Mr. McBride rose to a question of privilege. He had noticed in the morning Colonist a report of yesterday's proceedings which was in certain respects entirely erroneous and misleading. He deplored this the more from the fact that the reports in the Colonist in the past had been invariably correct and reliable. Yesterday's unfortunate occurrences had been commenced by the junior member for Vancouver.

Mr. Gilmour denied the assertion.

Mr. McBride withdrew his words, and said he had intended to refer to the senior member for Vancouver.

Mr. Martin—"That is not true."

Mr. McBride—"You are surely not sincere in that statement." He repeated that the trouble was commenced by the senior member for Vancouver, and again charged that the Colonist report was incorrect.

Mr. Curtis also rose to a question of privilege. The Colonist report was incorrect in accusing him of being the instigator of physical force, and the disturber of prayers. He solemnly declared that it never entered his mind to raise a disturbance during prayer, though he claimed the right to do so if he saw some wrongful act being done. (Mr. Curtis' remarks were interrupted by cries, laughter, and derisive applause from the floor of the House and the galleries.)

Proceeding, he gave his version of the previous day's disturbances, the interruptions continuing. He concluded by calling upon the Colonist to retract what he alleged was an incorrect report.

Mr. McPhillips was the next to rise to a question of privilege. He first called the Speaker's attention to the fact that persons in the gallery were making interruptions. Proceeding, he read from the Colonist report as follows:

"During the prayers Mr. Martin edged in between Mr. McBride and his chair and stood ready to sit down the moment the devotional exercise was ended. Mr. Curtis, perceiving Mr. Martin's design, reached over and drew the chair away, while Mr. McPhillips pushed his chair into position for Mr. McBride to sit down on. Mr. Martin, noticing the tactics of his opponents grabbed at the one chair and pushed away the other, and there was a very unseemly scuffle between the three honorable members. Mr. McBride all this time stood quietly leaning over the desk with lowered head.

"As the last word of the Lord's Prayer was uttered, Mr. Curtis seized Mr. Martin round the neck and tried to drag him away. Mr. Houston and Mr. Gilmour came to Mr. Martin's assistance, and Messrs. McPhillips, McBride, and Curtis struggled with them for possession of the chair, in which Mr. Martin managed to retain himself during the fracas."

This, he declared, was false, as was also the editorial article founded on the report. Mr. Martin was the first to commit an overt act during prayer, and he deplored the fact that such misleading reports should go forth to the world of what was no doubt unseemly conduct unworthy of members of the House. He concluded by stating that none of the accusations for unseemly conduct could be put upon himself or Mr. McBride.

Mr. Oliver said the trouble did not originate with Mr. Martin, but with Mr. Curtis, who had attempted to assume the role of an autocrat and a dictator ever since the opening of the session. He had demanded that Mr. Martin and his friends should go to the other side of the House, whether they would or no. He accused Mr. Curtis of removing Mr. Martin's desk and placing his own in its stead.

Mr. Curtis vehemently denied this, claiming that his desk had been moved by the sergeant-at-arms while he was busy writing and without his knowledge or consent.

Mr. Oliver continued to berate the previous speakers for endeavoring to fasten blame on Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin said he had not read the report in the Colonist, but from what he had heard of it he must come to the conclusion that it was not quite correct. There had been no disturbance during prayers. (Cries of Oh, Oh!) He had waited till prayers were over before making a move to secure the chair.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Garden presented the petition of the Vancouver & Westminster railway company for a bill to amend their charter.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite presented the petition of Wm. Hunter and others, locomotive engineers, asking amendments to the Steam Boilers' Inspection Act.

Mr. Murphy presented the petition of Thos. Woodward and others, of Nicola Valley, re route of Coast-Kootenay railway.

Mr. McPhillips presented the petition of B. W. Pearse and other ratepayers of Victoria, opposing amendments to the Municipal Act by municipal councils without the approval of the ratepayers.

ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir moved the adjournment of the House till Monday, 24th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m., which was concurred in.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Martin gives notice that he will move for an order of the House for a return showing the names of the license commissioners for Southeast Kootenay, and the name of the inspector for said district, and for copies of all correspondence between the government and said commissioners, or said inspector, with regard to licenses granted in said district for the year 1901.

QUESTION.

Mr. Gilmour will ask the Attorney-General:

How many special police have been engaged by the government since March, 1901?

If any were engaged during the trackmen's strike on the C. P. R., how many?

Did any of the said special police take the place of the strikers, or act as watchmen on the C. P. R. track or bridges?

If so, why did the government take the part of the company against the men?

Wires Down—The storm which struck Oregon, Washington and California yesterday seriously interfered with telegraphic communication in those states. The wires were down from Seattle south and from Chicago west. The only wires in operation last night were those of the C. P. R. and wires from Seattle.

Laid at Rest.—There was a large attendance of old-timers at the funeral of the late John Sayyea, which took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, No. 47 South road. Services for the dead were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barraclough. The gentlemen acting as pallbearers were: Messrs. A. R. Sherk, W. H. Clarke, W. A. Robertson, and H. H. McDonald.

THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Work to Be Commenced From End in Antipodes Next Month.

According to mail advices received from the Antipodes via San Francisco, the work of laying the long Pacific cable will commence within a few weeks or soon after the arrival of the steamer Anglia, which has sailed from England for the purpose, arrives in those waters. She is expected on the 1st of next month at Sydney, and those in charge of the project think that the cable will be open for business by November.

The Anglia is expected to be able to pay out the cable at the rate of six or seven miles an hour. For some distance out of Sydney it will be very heavy, weighing 15 tons to the knot. The deep sea portion will weigh 2,800 pounds, the usual weight of ocean cables.

After completing the work of connecting Norfolk island that important port of call for vessels trading in that part of the world with Australia, the Anglia will lay a cable between Doubtless bay and the Fijis. This is carrying out the projection of the trans-Pacific cable to Vancouver Island. A steamer is now being built in England for the work. The intention of the promoters of the system is to hurry it to completion as soon as the vessel mentioned is ready to undertake it, which it is said will be about nine months hence.

The Mystery Of The Condor

H. M. S. Phaeton Was to Have Left Honolulu Yesterday For Esquimalt.

Will Continue the Search—Condor Well Laden When She Sailed.

H. M. S. Phaeton was to leave Honolulu yesterday to cruise back towards Esquimalt seeking for traces of the missing Condor. She will make a zigzag course from the islands towards Victoria, and is not expected to reach port for at least three weeks.

It is now 86 days since the Condor sailed from Esquimalt in the teeth of the heavy gale which caused so much damage to shipping, and her fate is still uncertain. She is generally considered to have been lost. A naval officer discussing her fate yesterday, said that when the Condor sailed from Esquimalt she had little freeboard, being heavily laden with supplies, coal, etc. The warship had four months' provisions for her own company, her bunkers were filled, and she carried a large amount of provisions for the south sea islands, including stores to renew the supplies at the uninhabited islands where the government maintains shelters and sealed stores for shipwrecked seamen.

The Naval and Military Record received in yesterday's mail, says of the Condor mystery:

"It is, of course, too soon to attempt to judge the wisdom of the authorities in sending a sloop of the Condor class to the Pacific, but should it unhappily be found that the Condor has been lost, that question will have to be investigated. As a matter of fact, naval officers, whose opinions are supposed to have some weight with the admiralty, have long since condemned such ships as absolutely useless, as they can neither fight nor run, and are death-traps in a heavy gale. Meanwhile all hope is not yet dead, and the relatives of the crew need not yet despair."

The same paper has the following reports of discussion in the British parliament regarding the Condor:

"Mr. Arnold-Forster, secretary of the admiralty, answering Mr. Harmsworth, said there was no record of one or more guns of any vessel of the Condor class breaking loose in a heavy sea. There was no information that any deck cargo was put on board the Condor before she left Esquimalt.

"Mr. W. Allan asked whether any quantity of stores was put on board the deck of the Condor.

"Mr. Arnold-Forster replied that he had personally examined the log, and could find no trace of any stores having been so carried."

APPLICATION FOR INJUNCTION

Election of Board of Directors of Colonist Before the Courts.

In Supreme Court chambers yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake, Mr. Fred Peters made application on behalf of Forbes G. Vernon and Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir for an interim injunction restraining the trustees elected at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Colonist Printing & Publishing Company from acting as such until the trial of the action which is being brought to declare the election invalid. It was also asked that a receiver be appointed to carry on the business in the meantime. There are two actions, but they were by consent consolidated. Voluminous affidavits were filed, but no charge was made that the present trustees were in any way injuring the property of the company.

The plaintiffs are holders of shares of the value of $25,000 and the defendants of shares of the value of $65,000. The plaintiffs claim that under an agreement between Messrs. Ellis & Co. and Mr. Dunsmuir, when the company was formed, the affairs of the company were to be managed by a board of five trustees, two to be elected by the stock originally issued to Messrs. Ellis & Co. in payment for the plant, and three by the other shareholders.

The defendants reply that the agreement was never carried out and has always been ignored, and is in any case invalid, as it is not authorized by the act under which the company was incorporated, and they claim the usual right of the majority of the shares to control the affairs of the company. Messrs. Peters and Griffin appeared for the plaintiffs and Messrs. Luxton and Gregory for the defendants.

His Lordship took the case under consideration and promised to give judgment within a week. In the meantime the trustees elected at the annual meeting are to act as such, but through their counsel gave an undertaking not to hold the shareholders' meeting called for today to ratify and confirm their election.

PREPARING DOGS.

Second of Series of Articles on Preparation of Dogs for Bench Show.

The Victoria Kennel Club's annual bench show is to be held during the first week in April, so that intending exhibitors must commence work on the preparation of their dogs. Following are a few pointers on how to get dogs in shape, the article being the second of a series commenced on Sunday, February 16th:

"The stage has now been reached when the real preparation for the show ring begins. Given a dog in good health, in fair coat and condition, and correct so far as body structure goes, but wanting in finish, and bring the dog up to a point as near perfection as the hands of man can make him, we have here to consider and thoroughly understand what is required, for what may be correct in one breed may be wrong in another. The exact condition required to win is not easily arrived at, and when obtained is not very easily maintained, especially when a number of dogs are kept together. Again, some dogs are more easily brought into high condition than others. One may be a gross feeder, and another a dainty feeder with poor appetite, and what he eats may do him little good. It takes long years of experiment to know exactly what to do in the different cases that present themselves, but if the instructions laid down in this and future articles are carefully followed, the most obstinate may in time be overcome. Whatever opinions may be held on other points, of this there can be no difference of opinion, namely, that a dog, when shown, ought to be be clean, and in such condition that a lady may handle him without soiling her gloves. A clean, well-groomed dog may beat a better specimen shown dirty, listless and lean. There can be no excuse for showing a dirty dog. Soap is cheap and water is plentiful, and if the owner is too lazy to wash his dog, then he does not deserve to win. Having thus far indicated the preliminaries which have to be gone through before a dog can be taken in hand for his final polish and touchings, I will now proceed to deal with the practical side of the subject. The principal points to be noted are feeding, exercise, grooming and washing.

Feeding is all important, but I wish to caution the enthusiastic fancier against over-feeding, more especially on flesh, raw or cooked, or feeding upon heating food. These latter irritate the skin and set the animal scratching, which, in the case of long haired dogs, will tend to destroy the coat. Change the diet as often as possible when forcing the dog into condition. He likes a variation as well as his master, and will have a better appetite if not confined to one dish. As for medicine, leave that to the veterinary surgeon. More dogs are killed by or injured through well meaning but ignorant owners dosing them with quack medicines than by disease. Put your trust in plain, wholesome food and watch carefully for any failure of appetite. When this occurs change the food. This is better than tonics, and will have a more lasting effect. When forcing a dog into show condition he will often go off his feed. The best medicine in that case is rest his stomach, miss a diet. A tablespoonful of cod liver oil given after the evening meal will bring out the gloss on his coat and give it a fresh, healthy appearance. I have, however, more faith in grooming to develop and brighten the coat, but the cod liver oil is a help, as is also a bit of raw lean beef, of which dogs are very fond, given once or twice a day when the coat is growing. Boiled liver may be used as a laxative, and in some breeds an overdose of new milk or broth has the same effect. The dog at this time should have many little tit-bits, which will occur readily to the owner, but fine starchy foods, pastry, etc., should be withheld, as they are injurious. The aim should be to get the dog into a fleshy, hard condition without surfeiting the animal and producing a heat of the skin or any of the other troublesome disorders which arise from over-feeding. While the dog is being pushed forward great care must be used not to over-do it, but if he has regular exercise, and plenty of it, there is little chance of his getting into an obese condition.

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AN OPEN LETTER

Address to Women by the Treasurer of the W. C. T. U. of Kansas City, Mrs. E. C. Smith.

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OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Post No. 1, Native Sons, Combine Business With Pleasure.

Post No. 1, Native Sons, met in K. of P. Hall last evening, when the following officers, who had been previously elected, were installed by Grand Chief Factor Dr. J. D. Helmcken, assisted by S. Sea, Jr., as deputy installing officer: Past Chief Factor, W. C. Moresby; Chief Factor, Joseph E. Wilson; First Vice Factor, Thomas Watson; Second Vice Factor, W. H. Langley; Secretary-Treasurer, E. P. Johnston; Recording Secretary, Arthur E. Haynes; Hon. Treasurer, Thomas G. Fox; Inside Sentinel, J. A. McTavish; Outside Sentinel, H. Smethurst. Delegates to the Grand Lodge were appointed as follows: Messrs. J. S. Yates, — Henly, J. D. Helmcken, F. Higgins, W. Moresby, S. Sea, Jr., T. G. Fox, Phil. R. Smith.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the members were the guests of the newly elected officers at a banquet. After the usual toasts, songs and speeches brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. The society is in a very flourishing condition, the membership roll containing nearly four hundred names.

The Iron Ores Of Alberni

A Specialist Deems Them Richer Than Those of Lake Superior.

Export Duty Would Only Retard Developments and Assist No One.

Paul W. Law, of Seattle, the mining expert, has returned from a trip to Alberni, whither he went, as he says, "to look over the ground." Mr. Law was very much impressed with what he saw in that district, and has formed a very high opinion of the capabilities of Alberni from a miner's point of view.

"I went as far as the Sarita mines," said Mr. Law, yesterday, "and what I saw satisfies me in expressing the opinion that the indications throughout the district are ample to warrant the expenditure by capitalists of money to develop the country. From the Happy John group on the Alberni canal proper up to Anderson lake, a distance of from nine to ten miles, the mineral lode is a continuous vein. There has been practically no upheaval throughout the entire distance, and this is a feature which is particularly noticeable as being lacking in many other mining camps in the West. In fact the indications are that Alberni will be a most profitable field for investment. I secured a tug and visited most of the locations on the canal, but my mission was principally to secure options on iron propositions. I must say that as far as these are concerned, I was not so well impressed as I was with the copper claims. However, I closed two or three working options on some iron properties on account of my people, and in a short time they will get to work to prove whether or not the deposits are really what they seem, or only iron cappings of what will prove copper ore lower down.

"That there is good iron ore in Alberni is fully proven by the quality of that being taken out of the claims worked for account of Mr. Swaney, the head of the syndicate who are now operating the Irondale smelter. The Serita, Copper island, and the Sechart are turning out as fine ore as I have ever seen. In fact I have no hesitation in saying that it is as fine as any found in the United States. The quality of some of the iron ore I saw at Alberni is better even than Lake Superior ore, the percentage of iron being greater."

Mr. Law was sent into the field by a syndicate of capitalists who are figuring on establishing iron smelting works, and hence have gone into the cost of production, probable market, and other kindred matters pretty thoroughly. At the present time the only market which any iron smelter in this neighborhood would have for its product would be the coast states—California, Oregon and Washington, and contiguous territory. The proposition to ship pig iron to China and Japan, Mr. Law says is at present and for some years to come would be an utter impossibility as the cheaper iron from England and the native production would render successful competition in the Oriental market out of the question. The Irondale works were started up with the idea of supplying the local demand. "At the same time," said Mr. Law, "We would be only too glad to see our way to starting works on this side of the line, but even figuring on a bounty of $2 per ton it would be out of the question. Taking into consideration the duty imposed by the United States, and the additional cost of manufacture here, it would require a bounty of from $5 to $7 per ton to equalize matters. In view of these facts it would simply be retarding development to impose an export duty on iron ore. The output of a smelter would be 250 or 300 tons per day, so that the required bounty would amount to a very large item annually. In fact it is more than the government could afford to pay. If there were a chance of selling the iron in China or Japan, the case might be different, but at the present day this cannot be done successfully. The selling price of the iron at the works at Irondale is $28 per ton, so you can see what proportion of the cost would have to be borne by the government in order to successfully compete with the Americans for the growing coast trade."

Mr. Law will return to Seattle shortly to report on what he has seen in the mining districts of Vancouver Island.

FLORENCE ROBERTS' COMPANY.

Splendid Performance of Dumas' Beautiful Romantic Drama, "Camille."

"Camille" has been played very often in Victoria, but never so well as by Florence Roberts at the Victoria theatre last night. Those who saw her as "Zaza," the previous evening, were captivated by the spell of her art—last night she captured the admiration of the rest of the town by her magnificent presentation of Dumas' unhappy cocotte. The most carping of critics might seek in vain for a flaw in her work, which is distinguished by perfect naturalness, a quality so often absent in the performances of artists on whom the world has destowed the title, great. The chanting, singsong, which too many stage people mistake for the impressive, is wholly wanting in Miss Roberts' readings. She speaks as clearly and free from drawl as one would in ordinary conversation, and makes her audience forget that she is acting, and her tricks of manner and expression are so artful as to conceal the art which creates them. Her performance, from her first entrance to the end of the painfully realistic death scene, was admirable, and she was well supported by Lucius Henderson, whose "Armand" was in every way worthy of praise. Lilian Armsby was very effective and pleasing as the faithful "Nanine," and the other members of the cast afforded capable service.

Tonight Miss Roberts closes her engagement, appearing in a dramatization of Alphonse Daudet's "Sapho," a book which was considered unfit to be placed in the hands of the young person. The play was severely censored in London and New York, and had to be considerably pruned before it was allowed to be presented. Miss Roberts' version, while retaining all the essential points of the story, contains nothing that is too risque to be witnessed by the most fastidious. Miss Roberts was deservedly awarded much applause last night, and had to respond to two curtain calls at the end of the fourth act, an honor which Mr. Henderson shared with her.

Seattle Feels Competition

Her Shipbuilders Asking Legislation Against British Columbia Shipyards.

British Columbia competition in the matter of ship repairing is causing the United States ship repairing firms located on the Sound to squeal in no very uncertain manner, and an attempt is now being made to make it impossible for American bottoms to secure repairs on this side of the line without a great deal of difficulty and expense, says the Vancouver Province. A despatch from Washington, D. C., says:

"Under present conditions an American vessel can be taken to British Columbia, and after undergoing repairs, can be returned to the United States without payment of duty on the articles used in making the repairs. This practice obtains notwithstanding the fact that machinery and boilers imported into this country from the Canadian side are subjected to heavy duty. When the Topeka and other steamships, which were wrecked in Alaskan waters, were sent to British Columbia for repairs, the matter was discussed and subsequently a bill was introduced to afford relief to the Puget Sound shipbuilding companies which suffered from the competition.

"Opposition developed to this measure, and the commerce committee of the senate finally refused to give the matter further consideration. In the meantime the question of the injustice which appears to be suffered by Puget Sound shipbuilders is again being discussed, and Senator Foster thinks he may be able to bring the matter again before the senate commerce committee with some prospect of relief."

The tenor of the above despatch indicates that Puget Sound shipbuilders have been hard hit lately by the fact that a number of large contracts on American bottoms have been secured by shipbuilding and repairing firms on this side of the boundary line, says the Province. Every effort will undoubtedly be made to bring about a condition of affairs which will render impossible the repairing of American vessels in British Columbia, but then there is a possibility that the machinations of the Puget Sound men may come to aught. Even supposing that some legislation is passed which makes it more profitable for American shipowners to have their work performed on the Sound, the industry of ship-repairing in British Columbia will not feel the terrible shock, as American bottoms form but a small percentage of the whole number of vessels repaired here annually.

An instance of the competition of British Columbia firms with those of the Sound is that of the contract for the repairing of the steamer Roanoke, which was awarded to the British Columbia Marine Railway company. The Roanoke was injured in Moran's yard at Seattle in a pounding match with the steamer Oregon during a storm. Of course, as she lay at Moran's yard, it was an unheard of thing that a Canadian firm should snap so good a plum from under the nose of the company to which the citizens of Seattle not so long ago donated the sum of $100,000 that a battleship might be constructed at Seattle.

Labouchere of the eagle eye has come upon the new law in New York state which reduces the cost of marriages to 25 cents, and thus "drops into poetry."

Economists, as they are wise,
Should such futilities disparage;
They are not wanted to devise
Reductions in the cost of marriages.
To cheapen that's a great mistake,
Though it may cause unthinking laughter;
No: they should seek to cheaper make
Not marriage, but the outlay after.

Second Day With Farmers

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Messrs. Ladner and Churchland both spoke to this resolution before it was put and carried.

TRESPASS AND GAME.

Mr. Arden prefaced his resolution regarding an amending to the trespass act, with a statement of the difficulty of obtaining redress when the too ardent sportsman gets on forbidden ground. These people coming from town do damage to crops and property, and sometimes even kill chickens and other domestic fowls, and if caught even red-handed, have a chance to be impertinent instead of being placed under arrest.

Mr. Hayward explained that under the Trespass Act a man could only be prosecuted on the second occasion of his trespassing, and that, too, if damage were done the J. P.'s could only order recompense to the extent of $20. The Game Act gave some protection but not enough, as the question was one of trespass and not of the game law alone. Near the cities, as they found near Victoria, there was a great deal of annoyance. Turkeys, chickens and even calves were shot and some of the farmers had a good deal to complain of. He advocated the altering of the act in such a way as to make it a trespass. It was not, however, what can be done, but what is done, and there is no doubt that the present enactments to all intents and purposes were of no avail.

After a short discussion a resolution was carried.

EVENING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock last night the institute met again to listen to an address by the Hon. C. L. Smith of Minnesota. Besides the institute delegates, several visitors were present, amongst them being Messrs Trotter Johnson, Thomas Kidd, Thos. Cunningham, as well as Glover Patrick and James Duff, two Scottish farmers who are spending a few days in the city.

After commenting shortly upon the different conditions ruling betwixt his own part of the continent and this province, Mr. Smith went at some length into the educational question. By tracing the hard steps of his own younger days he showed how half a century ago the farmers of the United States obstinately repudiated everything like book learning as of no value to the tiller of the soil. After a campaign in the Civil War he had gone home with the intention of securing an education, but being dissuaded by his parents and friends, gave up the idea. Soon afterwards, however, an attack of rheumatism laid him on his bed for three years, and there he read. And in that he learned to take advantage of the misfortunes of others by looking up its causes and so avoiding their result. In his day one farmer might have small pigs and his neighbors big ones, but the unfortunate one attributed it only to bad luck. Good luck or bad luck in that part were the only causes of success or failure, and yet they learned to do a little towards regulating the luck. He noticed, too, that the hardest workers were not always the ones to enjoy the good luck.

When a dairy association was formed in Minnesota they were laughed at by the whole State, and had but 20 members. But at last they put their hands into their pockets and sent two representatives to Elgin, Ill., to attend the Northwest Dairymens' Association, to go down and listen and come back to tell all about it. The two did more; they asked the association to meet in Minnesota the next year, and so got an elephant on their hands. However, they got up and hustled and Mankato gave $400 and the opera house, and so in spite of the laughter of a whole State and with the taste of five-cent green butter in their mouths, they made it a success. And out of this grew the Farmers' Institute meetings.

At that time he became imbued with the idea that diversified farming would be a great improvement over the one-crop system then in vogue in that State. And in the advocating of that system he found the great benefits of meeting together was the passing on from one to another, not only of the best methods and their attendant successes, but also the bad methods that led on to failure. Progress on these lines was slow at first, but once began it rolled on fast. And so in Minnesota in ten years they were getting three times as many pounds of butter from each cow and getting twice as good a price for the product. Thirteen years ago that State had one cooperative creamery; last year there were over 1,000 of these institutions. The monthly creamery cheque was a great teacher. It taught them to know good cows, to keep good cows, to keep them well and kindly.

To a question by Mr. Noble the lecturer stated that a cream separator only takes from the milk the portion that goes to burn up as fuel to keep it warm. Better calves can be grown on skim milk and grain than when the calf gets it all by sucking the cow. In feeding the calf, however, care must be taken of such matters as temperature, sweetness; also of the amount it is allowed to drink at once. The butter fat keeps it warm but it does not make bone or hair or help them to grow.

HOW NOT TO FEED A CALF.

The calf born in the morning is ready to feed at night. If frightened it is not hungry. The calf never saw a man and a bucket before, and is frightened. He puts the pail down, chases the calf, bestrides it with his legs, catches it by the ears, and chucks its head into the bucket, but it won't drink.

HOW TO FEED IT.

Let it suck the cow once. Then put it over in the manger where the mother can lick it. At night put it into a stanchion, let the cow lick it and it gets accustomed to the place. Then put a couple of quarts of warm fresh milked milk into a clean pail in front of it, and with its head over this pail its hunger will soon lead it to drink for itself. A couple of quarts of fresh milk for a fortnight, then gradually changing it to four quarts of skimmed milk with a little whole oats and at six weeks a little hay and a pound of oats a day.

To a question of Mr. Ladner's, Mr. Smith stated that gathered cream would make as good butter, if the cream is properly handled, as if the cream had been separated at the creamery. The growing opinion is in favor of separation at the farm. The Hazelwood creamery of Spokane got the top price for Oregon and Washington in spite of some of it being brought 50 and 100 miles by train after being separated on the farm. The butter was of a good uniform sort. In many places this is laughed down, but then those who have never done a thing are the people who have never done it. The gathered cream system has the advantage too of leaving the milk at the farm in the best form for feeding, besides saving the cost of hauling the milk.

A GOOD RATION.

In answer to a question of Mr Hurd's, the lecturer stated that for a good ration a combination of peas and oats, clover hay comes next, then wheat and vitches; timothy is the poorest. Of grain, three pounds of bran, and as many pounds of mangels and carrots as she gives pounds of milk. For the Island and lower Mainland he would recommend grow more peas and oats, more clover and more roots. With timothy hay, bran shorts and oil would do well. Ten pounds of timothy hay would be all right to mix. Potatoes are the poorest of all roots, one pound of them being equal to five pounds of timothy hay. Turnips should not be fed at night, but are all right once a day just after milking in the morning. Carrots are harder to digest than mangols or turnips. The sugar beet is better than the carrot, and after that comes the mangols and turnips.

A resolution tendering the Hon. Mr. Smith a very hearty vote of thanks was then put and carried amidst an outburst of applause, and the meeting adjourned to meet this morning at 9 o'clock.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

PRICES BEING PAID FARMERS.

(By W. G. Dickenson.)

Hay, per ton	$9
Oats, per ton	$25
Wheat, per ton	$25
Barley, per ton	$25
Eggs, per dozen (trade)	35c
Eggs, per dozen, (cash)	40c
Potatoes, per ton (Fraser River)	$12
Potatoes, per ton (local)	$17

MINING EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by A. W. More & Co., Ltd., 23 Broad Street.)

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange today:

	Asked.	Bid.
Black Tail	14	1½
Canadian G. F. S.	4½	3½
Cariboo McKinney	24	21½
Cariboo Hydraulic	$1.15	95
Centre Star	36	33
Crow's Nest Pass Coal		$3.60
California	5	3
Deer Trail Con	2¾	
Golden Star	3½	
Giant	5	3
Iron Mask	25	16
Lone Pine—Surprise Con.	8½	7
Morning Glory	4½	2½
Mountain Lion	36	34
North Star	26	23½
Olive	7	5
Payne	30	27
Rambler Cariboo Con	90	80
Republic	9¾	8¾
Virtue	25	20
War Eagle Con.	11½	10
White Bear	4	3⅞
Winnipeg	5½	4¾
Wonderful	5	2½
Granby	$3.10	$2.60
Quilp	39	33
San Poil	33	28

TORONTO SALES.

White Bear, 500, 500, 2,000 at 4, 1,000, 3,000 at 3⅞, 500 at 4, 1,500 at 3⅞.

Payne 500 at 28.

Cariboo, 1,000 at 25.

ROSSLAND SALES.

White Bear, 5,000 at 4, 2,000 at 4, 2,000 at 4¼, 2,500 at 4¼.

Winnipeg, 4,000 at 5¼.

Black Tail, 5,000 at 12¾.

Centre Star, 500 at 33½, 1,000 at 33, 1,000 at 32¾.

Rambler Cariboo, 1,000 at 84.

Gold Ledge, 15,000 at 2¾, 5,000 at 2½.

War Eagle, 500 at 12¼.

Mountain Lion, 500 at 33.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

(By B. C. Stock Exchange, Ltd.)

New York, Feb. 25.—The following quotations ruled on the Produce Exchanges today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
New York Wheat—				
May	81¾	82¼	81⅝	82⅛
Chicago Corn—				
May	59⅝	60⅛	59½	60
Liverpool Wheat—				
May	6s. ⅝d.			6s. ⅛d.

Car lots received today: Minneapolis, 145; Duluth, 256; Chicago, 73. World's supply, wheat, decrease, 2,041,000 bushels.

New York, Feb. 25.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amn. Sugar	128	129	127¾	128¼
C., M. & St. P.	163⅞	164⅛	163½	164⅛
People's Gas	100¼	101½	100¼	100½
Manhattan	133	134½	133	133½
B. R. T.	62	65¼	62	64⅝
Union Pacific	99⅝	100⅛	99⅝	100
Atchison	75⅝	76⅛	75⅝	76
U. S. Steel	44	44¼	44	44¼
Sou. Pacific	64⅝	65¼	64⅝	64⅞
Mo. Pacific	102½	102⅞	102½	102⅝
Amal. Copper	70⅛	71½	69⅝	71⅜

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 25.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	71¼
American Locomotive	32¼
American Locomotive pfd	93
American Sugar	128¾
American Smelting & Refining Co.	47⅞
Anaconda Mining Co.	34¼
Atchison	76
Atchison pfd	96⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	104
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	64⅞
Chicago & Alton	36⅞
Canadian Pacific Railway	115½
Canada Southern	86¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	45⅝
Chicago & Northwestern	218
Rock Island	160½
St. Paul	163⅝
Consolidated Gas, New York	220½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	86⅞
C. C. C. & St. L.	102
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	288
Delaware & Hudson	174¾
Duluth, S. S. & A.	13⅝
Duluth, S. S. & A. pfd	25½
General Electric	293¾
Jersey Central	191
Kansas & Texas	25
Kansas & Texas pfd	55¾
Louisville & Nashville	104¾
Manhattan Elevated	13½
Missouri Pacific	102⅝
Metropolitan Traction	168¾
New York Central	163¼
Lake Erie & Western	38¼
Lake Erie & Western 1st pfd	68¼
New York, Ontario & Western	33⅞
Pacific Mail	47
Pressed Steel	40
Pressed Steel pfd	83
People's Gas	100¾
Philadelphia & Reading	56⅝
Philadelphia & Reading 1st pfd	81½
Philadelphia & Reading 2nd pfd	69
Southern Railway	32
Southern Railway pfd	96⅛
Southern Pacific	64⅞
Twin City	113¾
United States Leather	11⅞
United States Leather pfd	81¼
United States Steel	44¼
United States Steel pfd	94¾
United States Rubber	17
Union Pacific com	100
Union Pacific pfd	87¾
Wabash	24¼
Wabash pfd	43
Western Union Telegraph	90⅞
Wisconsin Central	41¾
C. P. R. in London	117
Commercial Cable	153¾

Money on call, steady at 2 and 2½ per cent; last loan, 2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4 and 4½ per cent; sterling exchange, steady at $4.87¾ and $4.87⅞ for demand, and at $4.85¼ and $4.85¼ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.86 and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84¾; bar silver, 55; Mexican dollars, 43½; government bonds, firm.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Exchange today: Wheat, Feb., 73⅝; May, 76¼ and 76¼; July, 76 and 76¼; Sept., 77¼; Corn, Feb., 58; May, 60; Sept., 58⅞. Oats, Feb., 41¾; May, 42½; July, 35⅛ and 35¼; Sept., 30¼.

THE METAL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 25.—Copper, firm at 12⅜ and 12½. Lead, firm.

ON WALL STREET.

New York, Feb. 25.—Today's stock market was again largely devoted to obscure specialties, both in the railroad and industrial list. Most of these showed advances and the entire lack of explanation of the movements pointed to manipulation by speculative pools. Some of those who have advanced heretofore were undergoing a process of profit-taking, and the relapses thus came, and were sometimes exceedingly sharp. Thus an advance of 2¾ in St. Joe & Grand Island was abruptly wiped out by two or three sales at the last, which carried the stock a fraction below last night, and the first preferred, after rising 1¼, relapsed 3¾. A similar abrupt dip was made last night by Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, and that stock moved up this morning 3¼, but lost most of it. Amongst the more prominent stocks there was a desultory speculation here and there amongst the high-priced industrials, and in one or two groups as a whole, but the movements were of little significance and the tone of the market was at all times mixed and irregular. Amalgamated Copper and Sugar inclined to heaviness, the first one reports that the purchase of a mine reported yesterday had been given undue significance, and the latter on the shading of prices on refined sugar. Amalgamated Copper rose suddenly a point over last night. Brooklyn Rapid Transit was notably strong.

The iron and steel industrials were in good demand in trade conditions, but an abrupt reaction in Tennessee Coal, at the last, which carried it below last night, affected the others in that group. The most notable movement of the day was in Lackawanna, which was listed 8 points. Other coalers responded moderately. In the Readings the speculative pool was buying the second preferred while selling the common. The basis of speculation in these stocks is the supposition that the second preferred is to be converted one-half into the common and one-half into the first preferred, which would fix the value of the second preferred midway between those of the common and preferred.

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PERSONALS.

W. C. Waterous and Master Waterous of Yokohama, who arrived from Seattle yesterday to see Mrs. Waterous off for Japan by the steamer Kinshiu Maru, are guests at the Driard.

A. Ferguson and wife, of Brandon, are guests at the Driard.

J. Warren Bell and Henry Clift of Nanaimo, are guests at the Vernon.

E. and C. J. Cook, of Vancouver, are at the Vernon.

Capt. Gilmour, pilot of the N. Y. K. Co., and F. M. Studley, agent of the line at Seattle, are guests at the Victoria.

Joel A. Broadwell, who has a store and is postmaster at Salt Spring, is at the Dominion. He will start a store at Crofton.

J. W. Bye, who was superintendent of the construction of the Northport smelter, is at the Dominion. He is bound to Crofton in connection with the smelter work there.

J. W. Daily of Galena, who is operating a quartz property in the North, is at the Dominion.

Ben Gordon, local agent for Messrs Hiram Walker & Sons, has returned from a visit to Southern California. Mrs. Gordon accompanied him.

William Baird, formerly of Victoria, now a prosperous hotel-keeper of Dawson, arrived by the Cottage City.

Stroud L. Redgrave, sergeant of police, has recovered from his recent illness, and is back on duty.

Mrs. Etta Patterson, of Stratford, Ont., left for her home in the East on Sunday evening. Mrs. Patterson has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Losee, of Upper Johnson street.

Thos. Pitt, of Duncans, who intends to make a start in the general merchandise business, is here for the purpose of buying supplies. Mr. Pitt formerly conducted the Alderlea hotel at Duncans. He is at the Dominion.

Rev. E. C. Taylor of Alberni, is a guest at the New England.

T. J. Trapp and John Peck of New Westminster, are registered at the Victoria.

G. H. Hadwen of Duncans, is at the Victoria.

A. C. Little, a Tacoma mining man interested in some nearby island properties, is at the Victoria. Paul V. Law, of Seattle, who is also interested in some mines "up the line," is also a guest at the Victoria.

Thos. A. Sharpe of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Agassiz, is registered at the Victoria.

PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: W. Ferguson and wife, W. H. James, Mrs. Foster, H. N. Boss, Quarter-Master-Sergt. Clarke and wife and child, Mrs. C. H. King, J. S. Barrow, M. Harper, Thos. Hooper, F. J. L. Lytler, E. Cook, Miss Cook, T. J. Trapp, T. J. Sharp, H. J. Kirkland, S. Knight, A. C. Wells, Jno. Simpson, T. W. Griffiths, T. Shannon, F. V. Harris, Thos. Cunningham, R. J. Phelps, Alex. Philip, B. W. King, M. McCaskell, L. Goodrich, Miss F. Stern, Rev. E. G. Taylor.

Boys' Brigade.—The Boys' Brigade intermediate basketball team defeated the Fernwod intermediates with a score of 21 points to 17 in the Victoria Athletic Club last evening. The combination of the Fernwoods was better than that of their opponents, who seemed to be slow, but the Brigade had better staying powers. Chance after chance at goal was missed by the Brigade, but in the end their steadiness won them the game. For the winners G. Temple and J. Lorimer were the stars, while for the losers Peden and Neelands were most prominent. Th Brigade scored six goals from the field and three from free throws. The Fernwoods scored four from the field and five from free shots. G. Burns gave every satisfaction as referee. Walter Lorimer and Charlie Fairall acted as linesmen.

NORTHWEST CATTLE SALE.

Price Is Over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—The Northwest Cattle Company, of which H. Montague Allen, of this city, is president, has sold out to Gordon Ironside and George Jane, the consideration being somewhat over two hundred thousand dollars. The ranch is of 17,500 acres and the sale includes 5,500 head of cattle and 200 horses.

There are many forms of nervous debility in men, that yield to the use of Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weakness, night sweats, etc., should try them.

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WANTED—Experienced solicitors to introduce to the consumer a quick selling electrical novelty. Room 238, Dominion hotel. f26

WANTED—At once, four or five sail makers or stitchers. F. Jeune & Bro., 127½ Government street. f26

WANTED—A good architectural draughtsman. Good wages paid to a good man. Apply E. W. Houghton, Collins Building, Seattle. f25

WANTED—A youth for office work; must be a good penman, bright and accurate, and willing to be generally useful. Apply Work, Colonist office. f22

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—Girl or young lady to attend store and do sewing. 100 Douglas St. f26

WANTED—A nursery governess. Apply M. H., Colonist office. f25

WANTED—Several steady industrious girls. Apply H. J. Brady & Co., 131, 133 and 135 Johnson street. f23

WANTED—A general servant. Must be able to do plain cooking. Apply at the Orphanage, to the Matron. f18

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

STENOGRAPHER AND CLERK desires situation. Commercial experience; no objection to position out of town. By stenographer and clerk, permanent position. References if required. Address "P." Colonist office. f26

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED—Situation as working housekeeper by respectable woman. Address L. A., Colonist. f26

WANTED—A situation as nurse to one or two children. Apply M. C., this office. f25

WANTED — By an experienced business woman, place in office or store. Address R., Colonist office. f25

WANTED—By a young lady, position as stenographer and typewriter. Frst class speed and references. Address "Steno." Colonist. j14

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

$5,000 WANTED for investment. Debentures bearing six per cent. Address P. O. Box 189. f21

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS.

TO RENT—Three furnished housekeeping rooms, with bath. 52 Rae street. f21

COMFORTABLE furnished front rooms, with use of kitchen, if required. 139 Michigan street. j21

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms. Apply A. B. C., Colonist office. f18

TO LET—Housekeeping and front rooms. 90 Douglas street. "K.", Colonist. j14

TO LET—ROOM AND BOARD.

TO INVALIDS—Lady or gentleman needing special care with all home comforts at reasonalble rates. Apply A. B., Colonist office. f26

PLEASANT ROOMS in private house, with or without board, or for light housekeeping. Terms moderate. 137 Quadra street. Phone 250. f26

OSBORNE HOUSE—The best family hotel in the city. Terms $1.00 per day. Large furnished rooms; meal tickets, 21 meals $4.00. Corner Pandora and Blanchard street, Victoria. Mrs. Phil. H. Smith, proprietress. f6

BEACON HILL PARK—To let—furnished Bedroom and sitting room, with breakfast if desired. Address "F.", Colonist office. f13

FOR RENT—Large double room, suitable for two gentlemen or married couple, in good locality, near car. Address J. N., Colonist. j28

WANTED — A few respectable gentlemen boarders, where they may enjoy home comforts, with washing done at home. No. 23 Perry Street, James Bay.

TO RENT—WAREHOUSE.

TO LET—Warehouse on Wharf street, 25x70, A1 location and in good condition. Rent $25. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government street.

TO RENT—STORES.

STORE TO LET—Government street, near Post Office, from 1st March. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, 40 Government street.

TO RENT—HOTELS.

TO LET—The Central Hotel Restaurant, Nanaimo, B. C. Reasonable terms to right party. Address Box 166. f26

TO RENT—RESIDENCES.

TO RENT—Small furnished house. Apply 111 Blanchard avenue. f23

TO LET—That very desirable country residence known as "Glenora," situate at Koksilah, consisting of 160 acres of land with modern dwelling house, good barns, stables, outbuildings and orchard. Full particulars on application to Heisterman & Co., 75 Government Street.

TO LET, TO LEASE OR FOR SALE—Five-roomed cottage with kitchen and seven acres and five-eighths land, with buildings thereon, opposite driving park, Cadboro Bay road. Apply William Beaumont, Maple Bay. f20

LADIES ONLY.

HAIR TREATMENT by electricity. Superfluous hair removed by electrolosis. Hours from 2 p. m. to 5, except Wednesdays. 218 Yates street. f15

LOST AND FOUND.

STOLEN OR STRAYED—From my residence, 49 Michigan street, English setter bitch, Victoria Belle II.; black and white ticked body, black on one side of face and ear. Belle is still nursing a litter of puppies and will be easily recognized. Any person harboring her will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. T. P. McConnell. f26

FOUND—Rambler bike, coaster brake, seat broken off, front tire bushed. Owner can have the same at Colonist and paying for ad. f26

LOST—At ladies' hockey match, Oak Bay grounds, a lady's ring set with five opals. Finder will please return same to Colonist office. f23

STRAYED—To 334 Douglas street, one pig. Owner can have same by paying for this adv. f23

FOUND—Umbrella, last Wednesday on Jewish Cemetery Hill. Owner can receive the same at Colonist office, by paying for the ad. f15

LOST—A fox terrier puppy, white body, black and tan head. Anyone bringing same to Swiss Cottage, Esquimalt road, will be rewarded. f15

LOST—In the Victoria theatre, on Wednesday night, or on the Beacon Hill car, a gold brooch, with two small birds set with pearls. Finder please leave at Colonist office and will be rewarded. f14

ENTERTAINMENTS.

YE OLDE FOLKES CONCERT, Temperance Hall tomorrow night. Old time songs, picturesque costumes, readings and recitations, musick on ye fiddle and harpsichord. Admission 25 cents. f26

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

MEN'S, BOYS' AND YOUTHS' boots and shoes at bargain prices, and your repairing done, at Nangle's, the prize boot and shoe maker, 56 Fort street. Please call. You won't be misled. f26

FOR SALE—A complete salmon canning plant. Address Horace White, Secretary, Port Angeles, Wash. f25

FOR SALE—Eggs for setting. Pekin ducks, specially good layers. Pure Orpingtons, first cross Orpingtons; very satisfactory for incubators. Also a few setting hens. Address Miss Turner, Pietsie Cottage, Cadboro Bay road. f22

A1 HARDY CABBAGE PLANTS, 50 cents per 100; 300 for $1.00; 1,000 for $2.50. Magoon strawberries, $1.00 per 100. Mt. Tolmie Nursery. f22

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THE BALTIMORE OYSTER AND CHOP HOUSE—(Near Government street), 64 Johnson street. A specialty made in cooking Olympia or Eastern Oysters, Crabs, Clams, Mussels, Shrimps, etc. Oysters 40c. a pint, $3.00 a gallon. White labor only. Open night and day. P. Bancroft, proprietor. f13

FOR SALE—Grocery and bakery business. Apply B. K., this office. j19

FOR SALE—A new line of cream, white and string braids; also new designs for silk work, at Mrs. W. H. Adams', 78 Douglas street. j16

CLAIRVOYANCY.

MADAME RAAE, clairvoyant and locating medium, gives sittings daily at 23 View street. f11

DRESSMAKING—Daily or at home. Best references. Good fitter. Children's garments of all kinds. 60 North Park St. f18

R. H. KNEESHAW, the well known medium, will give private sittings daily at 150 Chatham street. Public test circles every Thursday at 8 p. m. f11

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INDIAN BASKETS AND CURIOS—Thousands of them cheap from the Indian Trader, H. Stadthagen, 79 Johnson street, between Broad and Government street. Store closes at 7 o'clock every night. f6

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EGGS FOR HATCHING—Buff Orpingtons, Barred Rocks, Brown Leghorns and Black Langshans; Pekin ducks. Last exhibition we won two firsts, two seconds. Leave orders W. A. Jameson's, 33 Fort street. Quick Bros. f26

FOR SALE—Pure bred White Leghorn eggs, $1.00 per setting. Leave orders at Proctor's Grocery, Yates street, opposite Dominion hotel. f25

FOR SALE—One stallion, Bem III., two mares, two colts, a quantity of farm implements. Apply Alec. Meneagh, care Peter Imire, Sidney. f21

FOR SALE—Good cow, just calved. E. Hobbs, Cadboro Bay. f11

FOR SALE—One sow with nine young ones. Apply F. Beaumont, opposite the driving park, Cadboro Bay road. f20

WANTED—500 chickens, any kind, at 183½ Douglas street. A postal card will find. j12

FOR SALE—TIMBER LIMITS.

2,400 acres, chiefly yellow cedar, $5,000. For particulars apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, 40 Government Street.

FOR SALE—HOTELS.

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LIME KILN—Ready for working, together with 160 acres of land and buildings, $1,600. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.

CENTRALLY LOCATED.

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$1,000 — Full-sized lot and seven-roomed cottage, 10 minutes from post office; easy terms. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$5,500—Handsome residence, modern, with an acre of ground, on Rockland Avenue; grand view. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

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$2,500—Full-sized lot, with two houses, in the heart of the city; a good speculation. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$1,600 — Seven-room dwelling, with bath, etc.; good location, one minute's walk from tramcar and 12 minutes from post office; a bargain. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$3,800—Two full-sized lots with good house; very central; a bargain. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$4,750—Beautifully situated seven-roomed house, with three full-sized lots, stable, etc.; front and back entrance, situate on Fort Street. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$1,500—Six-room cottage, very central, with sewer connections, etc. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.

JAMES BAY.

$1600—Pretty cottage, corner lot, good garden and lot 55x120, in good condition. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government street.

$2,200—Good six-room cottage, near Dallas road; nice view of the Straits; modern conveniences. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$3,750—Handsome modern residence and large water lot, only 10 minutes from post office; well located and in good order. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$2,300—Seven-roomed dwelling, modern in every respect; good stable and outhouses; lot 54x159; very convenient to town. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$900—A choice of two cottages, almost new, five rooms; rented at $9 each. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$3,600—Modern eight-room dwelling, with two full-sized lots, tennis court, etc.; beautiful view; cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$1,200—Cottage, five rooms, bath, etc.; full-sized lot, facing south; terms. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$2,100 — Modern cottage, six rooms, full-sized lot; good locality. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$2,000 will purchase four houses, always rented; must be sold to close an estate. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$800—Corner lot and two 5-roomed cottages ($800 each); will be sold on very easy terms. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

EAST END.

$1,800 — Five-roomed cottage, good brick foundation, with two full-sized lots and out-buildings; cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES.

$2,100—Seven-room modern dwelling, stable and outbuildings, on four lots, at Oak bay. Apply B. C Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.

$1,600—New six-roomed cottage, with four lots, out-buildings, etc.; a bargain. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$1,300, EAST END—Cottage of six rooms, one acre; all cleared and planted with small fruits; barn, chicken houses, etc.; terms. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government street.

WEST END.

$2,500 will purchase four cottages, five rooms each, all rented, with an acre of ground. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$2,000—Six-roomed cottage, well situated, one acre of ground, stable, outhouses and orchard; a bargain. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

THE ARM—Seven roomed modern dwelling, well situated, over two acres of land, large frontage on road and water. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$2,800 — Esquimalt Road — Seven roomed modern cottage, electric light, one acre of ground, lawn and orchard. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

NORTH END.

$3,000 — Six-roomed dwelling, two acres under cultivation, stable, orchard, lawn, etc.; cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—Cleared lot on Amphion street, Oak Bay avenue, $125. J., Box 80, Victoria. f23

HEYWOOD ESTATE—The prices of the lots running from Fort to Belcher street have just been very materially reduced, and we are now prepared to offer lots 55x165, for $900. This is one of the best residential localities in the city, and lots at this price are a bargain. We are also offering the property near the Fountain at greatly reduced prices. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government St.

$200 will purchase a nice lot in Victoria West, ready for building upon. Many lots at higher prices and in good localities. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.

$1,800—Large corner lot, two-story dwelling and good stable, centrally located, cheap. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government street.

EIGHT FULL-SIZED LOTS, well situated and very central. Must be sold at an early date. Any reasonable offers will be submitted. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, 40 Government street.

$4,800—Full sized lot on Yates street, just above Douglas, A1 locality for doctor's office and residence. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, 40 Government street.

$700—Very nice full sized lot on Humbolt St., near Park Road, facing south. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government St.

FOR SALE—Two water-front lots, Head Street, for half value. W. K. R., P.O. Box 652.

$650—Lot on Vancouver Street, near Richardson; must be sold to close an estate. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$2,500—Almost an acre of cleared ground in the centre of the city (cheapest in the city). Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$500—Two lots in James Bay, 10 minutes from post office, $500 each. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

FOR SALE—Beautiful building site, commanding fine view of the Straits (three lots), for $1,600. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Two acres of ground fronting on Esquimalt Road, well located. Must be sold to close an estate; only $1,400. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

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FORT STREET—Part of the Heywood Estate, just above Cook Street; find building sites; prices reasonable; easy terms. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

$300—Good lot on Johnson street, facing south. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government street.

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FOR SALE—FARM LANDS.

OYSTER BAY—40 acres; 10 acres under cultivation, balance alder bottom. Cash price $600. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government St.

SOMENOS—200 acres, partly fenced and improved, as follows: 90 acres slashed and seeded down, 15 acres cultivated, 95 acres timbered, natural spring and creek, good house, barn, stable, and out-buildings. Implements and stock could be purchased with the place. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.

SOMENOS—50 acres, partly under cultivation, balance bench and swamp, modern five-room dwelling house, well finished, and partly furnished; large barn and stables, dairy, sheds, chicken houses, etc. $3,000. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 Government street.

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$3,700—22½ acres, seven miles from Victoria; 14 acres under cultivation (3 in orchard of 200 bearing trees); six-room cottage, with bath, etc.; barns and outhouses; all fenced. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

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THE ARM—1½ acres, cleared, waterfront; fine site for bungalow; electric light and water pipes running past premises; whole amount of purchase money may remain on mortgage at 6 per cent.; $3,000. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

HIGHLAND DISTRICT—Three farms with buildings, etc.—two at $1,600, one at $3,000. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

ROSS BAY — Nine acres; good soil and ready for cultivation; fine site; commands view of Straits; cheap. Apply 45 Government Street.

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SOMENOS LAKE—2½ miles from Duncan, 250 acres; modern eleven-roomed house; cottage, barns, orchards, etc., or will subdivide to suit purchaser. For full particulars apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street, Victoria.

JAMES ISLAND—Off Saanich (one mile); 200 acres, 35 under cultivation, 100 cleared, balance good land; lots of good water; five-roomed house, barns, etc.; can also arrange to buy live stock, steam launch, boats, etc.; plenty of fruit trees of all descriptions; easy terms. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

SALT SPRING ISLAND—108 acres, water frontage; good six-roomed modern dwelling, barns, out-houses, etc.; 35 acres under cultivation; orchard of 250 trees; balance all good land, with heavy timber cut; $6,500. Apply B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Limited, 40 Government Street.

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NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, within that tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a licensing court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate on the corner of Humboldt and Maclure streets, and known as the White Horse Hotel, to James Griffin.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1902.
WILLIAM BENNETT REID.

NOTICE

Is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-in-Council for approval of the plans and site of a wharf proposed to be erected on and opposite to the South half of Section one, Range eleven, in Chemainus District, Province of British Columbia, which plans, together with a description of said site, have been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C.

For the Lenora Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Limited, Non-Personal Liability, (owners of said site.)

W. W. BERRIDGE,
Secretary.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 20th day of January, 1902.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate the Canadian Manufacturers' Association with all necessary rights and powers.

Toronto, 2nd January, 1902.
THOMSON, HENDERSON & BELL,
Solicitors for Applicants.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PRIVATE BILLS NOTICE.

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, will expire on the first day of March, 1902.

Bills must be presented to the House not later than the 13th day of March, 1902.

Reports from committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 20th day of March, 1902.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1902.
THORNTON FELL,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

VICTORIA ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

(Including Victoria City, North Victoria, South Victoria, Esquimalt, Coast District and Islands.)

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial revenue tax and all assessed taxes and income tax, assessed and levied under the Assessment Act and amendments, are now due and payable for the year 1902.

All taxes collectible for the Victoria Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situate at Victoria. This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Victoria, 23rd January, 1902.
C. BOOTH,
Assessor and Collector
Victoria Assessment District.
Victoria Post Office.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:

21st February, 1902.

James Eliphalet McMillan, of the city of Victoria, Esquire, J. P., to be Returning Officer for the Victoria City Electoral District.

(L.S.)

HENRI G. JOLY de LOTBINIERE.

EDWARD VII., by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, etc., etc.

To the Returning Officer of the Victoria City Electoral District:

We command you that, notice of the time and place of election being duly given, you do cause election to be made according to law of One Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the Victoria City Electoral District, and that you do cause the nomination of candidates at such election to be held on the day of , and do cause the name of such member, when so elected, to be certified to by the Deputy Provincial Secretary at the City of Victoria, on or before the 15th day of March, next, the election so made, distinctly and openly under your seal duly indorsed upon this our writ.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent under the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia. Witness The Honourable Sir Henri G. Joly de Lotbiniere, K. C. M. G., at Our Government House, this 21st day of February, A.D. 1902.

By Command.
A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

$250 REWARD.

The above reward is offered for the recovery of the body of the late Captain James McIntyre, who was drowned at the time of the wreck of the steamer Bristol, on January 4th, between Grey and Green Islands, Dixon Entrance.

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SIX PER CENT DEBENTURES

FOURTH ANNUAL DRAWING

The following are the numbers of the debentures drawn for repayment at par on and after the first day of March next. Interest thereon ceases on the 1st day of March next. Sixty debentures numbers:

3.	102.	203.	319.	407.	539.
7.	105.	207.	321.	425.	547
63.	107.	210.	323.	448.	549.
66.	114.	215.	326.	467.	550.
68.	121.	229.	328.	478.	552.
69.	134.	256.	341.	497.	561.
78.	160.	288.	345.	506.	565.
81.	164.	298.	356.	515.	570.
87.	165.	299.	378.	520.	572.
89.	202.	310.	384.	522.	595.

Sixty debentures at $500 each, $30,000.

The above mentioned debentures will be paid on and after the 1st day of March next on presentation at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Victoria, B. C.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.

Countersigned,
JAMES H. LAWSON, JR.,
Victoria, B.C., Notary Public.
Victoria, B. C., 1st February, 1902.

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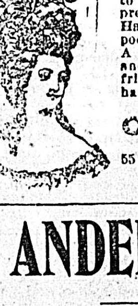

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 25.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

Since yesterday an important ocean storm area has spread over the entire Pacific slope, and with its centre of 28.80 inches off Vancouver Island, has caused a southerly gale and heavy rains on the coast from San Francisco to Cape Flattery. As the barometer has also become abnormally low across the continent to Ontario, the slight difference of air pressure over the interior has caused only light to moderate winds to prevail. The weather is remarkably mild and spring like from the Rockies to the Great Lakes.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	43	51
New Westminster	40	44
Kamloops	34	42
Barkerville	26	36
Calgary	22	26
Winnipeg	26	38
Portland, Ore	46	50
San Francisco	50	..

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time), Wednesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Southerly winds, unsettled and mild with occasional rain.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	45	Mean	47
Noon	48	Highest	51
5 p.m.	48	Lowest	43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ....16 miles east.
Noon..........20 miles southeast.
5 p.m.......... 8 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—.05 inch.
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected......29.02
Sunshine—1 hour 6 minutes.
Corrected........28.922

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at noon—Observed........28.894

VICTORIA TIDES.

For the Month of February, 1902.

(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

Date.	Day.	Time. h. m.	Height. ft.	Time. h. m.	Height. ft.	Time. h. m.	Height. ft.	Time. h. m.	Height. ft.
1	Sa.	..		8 13	8.6	17 16	3.6		
2	S.	..		8 50	8.5	18 03	3.2		
3	M.	..		9 29	8.5	18 40	2.9		
4	Tu	4 30	7.8	5 36	7.8	10 11	8.4	19 10	2.6
5	W	4 50	7.9	6 32	7.8	10 58	8.4	19 37	2.3
6	Th	5 04	7.8	7 24	7.7	11 49	8.4	20 06	2.1
7	F.	5 10	7.7	8 10	7.4	12 43	8.4	20 38	2.1
8	Sa	5 00	7.7	8 52	7.0	13 38	8.3	21 14	2.2
9	S.	4 46	7.7	9 33	6.6	14 36	8.0	21 53	2.5
10	M	4 53	7.9	10 18	6.0	15 37	7.7	22 34	3.0
11	Tu	5 13	8.1	11 11	5.5	16 48	7.2	23 15	3.7
12	W.	5 40	8.3	12 09	4.9	18 11	6.8	23 55	4.4
13	Th	6 12	8.5	13 13	4.2	19 49	6.5	....	
14	F.	0 34	5.2	6 49	8.7	14 18	3.6	21 54	6.4
15	Sa	1 16	6.0	7 29	8.9	15 23	3.0	....	
16	S.	0 31	6.8	2 09	6.7	8 12	8.9	16 22	2.5
17	M.	2 00	7.2	3 25	7.2	8 58	8.9	17 17	2.1
18	Tu	2 48	7.6	4 48	7.4	9 51	8.9	18 07	1.8
19	W	3 17	7.7	5 59	7.3	10 50	8.7	18 52	1.7
20	Th	3 30	7.7	7 00	7.0	11 53	8.6	19 33	1.8
21	F.	3 36	7.7	7 51	6.5	12 56	8.4	20 12	2.1
22	Sa	3 40	7.6	8 38	5.9	13 58	8.1	20 50	2.5
23	S.	3 49	7.8	9 24	5.4	14 58	7.7	21 27	3.1
24	M.	4 02	7.9	10 09	4.9	15 57	7.3	22 05	3.8
25	Tu	4 22	8.1	10 58	4.6	16 58	6.8	22 44	4.5
26	W.	4 49	8.2	11 51	4.3	18 16	6.4	23 25	5.1
27	Th	5 20	8.2	12 49	4.0	19 57	6.2	....	
28	F.	0 09	5.8	5 53	8.2	13 52	3.8		

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor.

Esquimalt (at Dry Dock).—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Denison:

For time of high water, add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

For time of low water, add 17 minutes to L. W. at Victoria.

When the Bowels Are Constipated

Health Cannot Be Good—Digestion and Other Bodily Functions Cannot Be Properly Performed—Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

The character of food, sedentary habits, and neglecting the calls of nature may be set down as the usual causes of consiipation. The accompanying derangements are indigestion, dyspesia, stomach troubles, liver and kidney diseases and an endless amount of pain and suffering. Poisonous impurities, when left in the blood, are bound to find lodgment in some weak spot of the system, and the result is disease of the most deadly nature.

It is a serious matter to neglect constipation. You may do so for a time, only to find that your health has been undermined by bodily derangements of the most fatal kind. You should have a movement of the bowels every day. To accomplish this, avoid concentrated foods, use vegetables and fruits freely, and take one of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills before retiring, two or three times a week, or oftener, if required.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are not an ordinary cathartic. They have a specific and combined action on the kidneys, liver and bowels, and consequently cure constipation and the accompanying derangements thoroughly and well, by removing the causes. For the information of those who are not yet familiar with the peculiar merits of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, we might add that they are purely vegetable in composition, pleasant and natural in action, and remarkably prompt and far-reaching in effect, even in the most serious and chronic cases of constipation, kidney and liver diseases.

Persons with weak kidneys are peculiarly susceptible to sudden change of temperature, and for this reason need to be on a sharp lookout during the fall and winter seasons, lest the cold settle on these filtering organs and bring on Bright's disease of the kidneys, by far the most painful and fatal of diseases. Scores and hundreds of people make a practice of keeping Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills in the house, and take one whenever the symptoms of constipation and kidney derangement make themselves known. Scanty, high-colored urine, painful urination, and pain in the back and limbs are the danger signals of kidney disease.

Whatever else you may neglect, do not overlook the importance of keeping the bowels, the kidneys and liver in healthful, vigorous action. There is no surer way of avoiding serious disease and prolonging life, and the evidence of the people of this country seems to prove conclusively that by far the most effective treatment in bringing about these results is the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose; 25 cents a box; at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

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Gale Raging Off The Straits

Calm in Victoria But Stormy Weather in the Open Pacific.

Kinshiu Maru Sails For Orient—Fears For Schooner Soquel.

Although the sun shone brightly yesterday and calm weather prevailed in the city, in the Straits and off the entrance to the Straits a severe gale was raging. Despatches from Neah bay at 9 yesterday morning gave the news that a severe gale was then raging, the wind blowing at the rate of 24 miles an hour at Neah bay, and much heavier outside. The storm was increasing in violence, and the weather observer at Portland wired at 10 a. m. yesterday a warning to mariners, advising all ships to keep out of the Straits within the next 20 hours, as a very severe southeast gale was brewing. The sealing schooner Oscar and Hattie, which had started from Bamfield creek for Victoria, in a leaking condition and damaged by the recent storms, will in all probability have sought shelter and will not arrive until today or tomorrow. Two ships were reported in the Straits yesterday morning, but they soon put back to sea. The sailing fleet reported off the entrance to the Straits will no doubt be close reefed and hove to well off shore, and not attempt an entrance until after the storm has blown itself out.

FOR THE ORIENT.

Kinshiu Maru Carries Large Cargo to the Far East.

Steamer Kinshiu Maru, of the Nippon-Yusen-Kaishe line, sailed yesterday afternoon from the Outer wharf for the Orient. She had a large cargo of general merchandise, 4,000 tons in all. Included were some heavy shipments of lead, silver bullion for the Hongkong and Shanghai banks, hogsheads of tobacco from Virginia for Kobe, domestics and cottons for Japan and North China ports; large consignments of flour for Yokohama and Chinese ports, machinery, typewriters, bicycles, electrical fittings and general freight. There were six saloon passengers, including Miss Allison, from Victoria for Gensan, Korea; and Miss Ridpath, of Spokane; and Mrs. Watrous, of Seattle, for China. There were 25 Asiatic steerage passengers.

Steamer Shinano Maru is due today from Yokohama.

FEARS FOR SOQUEL.

Overdue Schooner May Have Been Wrecked by Recent Storms.

The wreck of the R. I. Morse, and the crippling of the Oscar and Hattie off the coast, has added to the anxiety for the safety of the big schooner Soquel, of San Francisco, long overdue at Port Blakeley. A San Francisco despatch says:

"Despatches received by J. R. Hanify & Co., the owners of the schooner, from their agents at Port Townsend, hold out little hope and it is feared that she went down in the recent furious storms that have swept the Northwest coast. The Soquel left San Francisco 34 days ago for Port Blakeley. Two weeks ago she was sighted about 80 miles northwest of Cape Flattery. When sighted she was running under bare poles, before a fierce easterly gale. Since then nothing has been heard of her. The Soquel is a schooner of 698 tons. Officers included, she carries a crew of 13 men. Her commander is Capt. Andersen."

MADE LONG PASSAGE.

Fort George Occupied 144 Days From Chemainus to Port Pirie.

The long ovedue British ship Fort George reached Port Pirie on Friday with a cargo of 1,510,836 feet of lumber from Chemainus, after one of the slowest passages on record. The Fort George left Chemainus on September 30. She was 144 days in making the passage which usually occupies between 80 and 90 days. Although never placed on the reinsurance list, considerable anxiety was felt for her safety, especially as vessels leaving this side for Australian ports arrived long before her.

THROWN ON THE BEACH.

Black Painted Wreckage With Screws Stamped With Broad Arrow.

Sandwiched amongst the driftwood logs which are thrown on the shingle of nearby beaches after their derelict voyages, many strange things are found from time to time. Not long ago the Colonist told of the finding of a piece of board which naval men gave as their opinion was a provision chest lid, and from its markings evidently from the missing Condor, although whether it was lost coincident with her, or thrown from her in the harbor at Esquimalt is unknown. With this board was found the rim of a bluejacket's cap. A further find was made on Monday by the same man who discovered the other things, Mr. Baynes, which, although unmarked other than by the governmental broad arrow, is judged to be that from a warship. The wreckage, which was picked up on a beach at Beacon Hill, consists of a piece of board an inch and a half thick, with two cross pieces at either end and with a cross piece stretching from its centre to which it is tenanted and braced with iron brackets with brass screws. The end of this cross piece, which is six inches wide and one inch thick, while the larger board to which it is braced, is about a foot wide, has a broken mortice of about five inches long, the brass screws remaining in it. Every screw bears the broad arrow stamped into its brass near the head. The drift is painted black, and unlike the other finds, is not water worn or broken. It does not appear to have been long in the water, and is possibly drift from Esquimalt which has been carried out by the tides and thrown on the beach at Beacon Hill.

HAD ROUGH VOYAGE.

Bark Antiope Shifted Ballast off Cape While Sea Broke Over Her.

The bark Antiope, Captain Murray, which is engaged in carrying coal between Ladysmith and Honolulu, arrived at the coal port on Monday night after a rough passage from the islands. She made the run from Honolulu to the latitude off Cape Flattery in ten days with a fair wind, and then the southeasters buffeted the coal bark. She was sixteen days tossing in the rough seas outside the entrance to the Straits. Six times she tried to beat in, but was driven off the coast each time, and had a rough experience in the storms which raged continuously. Her ballast shifted and with a bad list she was laboring in the high seas which broke over her decks, while the majority of the crew worked hard below shifting the ballast back into place to trim the vessel into an upright position again. There are a number of other vessels outside the Straits awaiting an abatement of the storms to enter port. Yesterday a heavy southeast gale was raging outside and it was likely that they would stand further off shore. There are several sailing vessels due, included amongst which is the loaded cargo ship McDiarmid, which is thought to be among the delayed fleet off the coast.

AMUR SAILS NORTH.

Skagway Liner Had Many Shipments From Victoria for Northern Ports.

The steamer Amur sailed last night for Skagway with a fair cargo of general freight including some big shipments made to northern points by Victoria houses. Included amongst the freight taken north by the steamer was a large array of packing cases and bales, in which was packed fifty tons of dry goods, boots and shoes and general merchandise, from Lenz & Leiser's, of this city, for the Oak Hall Clothing Company, of Dawson. Mr. Spence, of Lenz & Leiser, went north with the shipment of dry goods to freight it in over the icy trail to Dawson. He took with him twelve large horses and three big sleighs with which he will team the goods to Dawson from White Horse. John Piercy & Co. sent a good shipment to White Horse, and there were a number of shipments of general groceries consigned to Skagway and Atlin and other points by Victoria wholesalers. In all sixteen horses were taken up by the steamer, twelve of which were for the Spence pack teams. The movement of freight is expected to increase largely henceforward until with the opening of navigation the heavy freight will be added and the steamers will leave with full cargoes. Many shippers are waiting for the expected reductions in the freight rates to Dawson and are holding back their goods until such time as the rates are decreased. Captain McLeod was in commannd of the liner, Captain Gosse remaining to take a holiday before resuming command of the Hating.

LINER'S HARD LUCK.

Queen Adelaide Has Many Troubles En Route to Singapore.

Steamer Queen Adelaide arrived at Singapore on Friday in distress. The Queen Adelaide is one of the Northern Pacific liners taking cargo around the world to Liverpool via the Orient. She had more than one ship's share of hard luck during the voyage. She was battered fore and aft by numerous storms. Everything on her decks that seas could tear loose was carried overboard. She was in collision and had the marks to show for it when she reached Singapore. She also struck some sunken rocks, as several dented plates testify, and arrived in port with her ballast tanks leaking. She will be surveyed after her cargo has been discharged. The repairs that will be necessary are expected to be quite extensive.

MARINE NOTES.

The American bark Challenger, Captain Fownes, is out 107 days on the trip from Manila for San Francisco, but having put in at Zamboanga, a Philippine port, the date of her departure thence is not known. The vessel, therefore, is not looked upon as overdue, and no anxiety is felt for her.

The overdue American ship Acme arrived on Friday at Yokohama. She was from New York, and has been 204 days making the trip. Twenty per cent. reinsurance has been paid on her.

The lighthouse keeper at Lime Point reports that a floating mass that looked like a large raft passed Lime point on the tide about 5 o'clock Thursday evening. Mariners have been warned to keep a lookout for the derelict.

The ship Glory of the Seas, Captain Ekren, is out 27 days from Comox for San Francisco, with a cargo of coal.

The Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha, which was saved from the rocks at Kwakume Point by the Victoria wreckers, was seen from Nanoose yesterday afternoon bound south in tow of the Victoria tug Albion.

The German ship Pallas, which sailed from Santa Rosalia for Tacoma on January 22nd, was picked up off the Cape yesterday by the tug Sea Lion and will pass in this morning.

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News Budget From Orient

Extreme Cold in North of Japan Interferes With Rescue Parties.

Great Britain, Japan and United States United in Anti-Russian Policy.

Toyko, Feb. 7.—(Associated Press Letter by C. P. R. Steamship Tartar):

The Emperor has expressed keen concern over the disaster to the Fifth regiment, 200 men of which were frozen to death in Amori province, sending his personal representatives to the scene with messages and presents for the survivors, and money for the relatives of the lost.

A court of enquiry has been organized, and the most searching investigation is expected.

The cold in Japan this year is pronounced to be most exceptional; since the 22nd January the range of the thermometer has been fully three degrees Fah., less than the usual average at the season. In Hokkaido, to the north, no such cold has been experienced for years. In some places the mercury has fallen 40 degrees below zero.

Since the 3rd inst. violent snow storms have interrupted the operations of search for bodies of the victims of the disaster. Sixteen hundred soldiers and fourteen hundred coolies are employed, but little progress is made. Over 100 dead have been discovered.

STEAMER WRECKED.

The new steel screw steamer Knight Companion was wrecked near Katsura on the southeast corner, so to speak, of the Japan coast, on the 2nd inst. She belonged to Messrs. Greenshields, Courie & Co., of the Portland Asiatic Steamship company, and was due here on her regular run from Portland, Ore. The details are still meagre, but it is reported that, while the passengers and crew to the number of 109 are safe, the vessel's hull is so damaged that she will be a total loss. She was one of the so-called "Knight" line, built in Newcastle in 1900, and of 2,620 net and 4,111 gross tonnage. Her cargo was chiefly cotton and flour. Captain C. E. Froggatt was in command. The local agents, Samuel Samuel & Co., are engaged in considering bids for salvage. It is claimed that the vessel ran on an uncharted rock three miles from shore.

MANCHURIAN CONVENTION.

Japan, the United States, and Great Britain are united in an anti-Russian policy in regard to the new Manchurian convention. Russia agreed to China's demand that she evacuate Manchuria, but stipulated for certain mining privileges along the line of the East China railway, and over the whole of three eastern provinces. The above-mentioned dreibund warned China that if she yielded this concession, they would demand equal privileges. So it is reported here that China is on the horns of a dilemma, and the new Manchurian convention hangs fire.

LOOT SCANDAL.

There is an evident desire on the part of the government to suppress the loot scandal. It is said that certain high officials in the government are seriously involved, if not themselves directly, as looters or receivers, yet as having friends or relatives in the mess. One vernacular paper has been daily making the most explicit charges against well-known men, but the government, usually so quick to stop journalistic license of the kind, has not interfered. The paper in question is reputed to be the organ of a party in opposition to the government. In the meantime, the government announces that it is "investigating" the matter, and has made three arrests—not of looters, but of men who accused others of looting, the government's charge being "bearing false witness." Supporters of the government here say that the whole matter is very much exaggerated for political purposes, and that the illegitimate looting done was by comparatively few individuals. Baron Kodama Gentaro, minister for war, is stated to have been desirous of prosecuting the loot investigation, and to have therein run up against the premier. At any rate the Baron has resigned his portfolio, professedly with the desire to devote himself wholly to Formosa, of which he is governor-general. His successor in the war ministry will, it is said, be Viscount Takashima. In the meantime the opposition is harassing the government in the Diet with interpellations as to the loot question.

CHINESE INDEMNITY.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.—The Bankers' commissions here received on the 31st ult. the first installment of the Chinese indemnity, viz., Hongkong tls. 1,820,000. The instalment will be distributed to the powers in the following percentage:

Russia, 29; France, 15 7-16; Japan, 8; Italy 6; Austria, 1; Spain, 1-16; Germany, 20; Great Britain, 11; United States, 7; Belgium, 2; Holland 2-16.

There is some difference of opinion between the foreign bankers and the Chinese officials as to how the instalments are to be paid in future. The Bankers' commission wants to fix monthly instalments, but the Chinese authorities would prefer a longer interval. According to the protocol, the interest, which China pays on the principal of the indemnity, is payable in June and December.

FEWER TROOPS.

Foreign troops stationed at Tientsin are to be decreased to about two battalions for each power, and the military headquarters are to be converted into garrisons. The time for the withdrawal of the troops will be the end of February, or the beginning of March.

The French government has decided to construct a direct railway line between Paotingfu and Tientsin.

It is rumored that as a result of the recent audience of the wives of the foreign ministers with the Empress Dowager, a new imperial edict will be issued, allowing intermarriage between the Manchus and the Hans, forbidding the distortion of the feet of women, and ordering the sons of imperial families and high dignitaries to be sent abroad in future to study Western methods.

A MILLION OF CZAR'S SUBJECTS IN PRISON.

Russian prison statistics lately published reveal some startling facts. Four years ago the number of prisoners in Russia was 764,373; now it has risen to 842,729. If the inmates of the military prison, the peasants in houses of correction and the prisoners in Transcaspian jails were counted it would be found that a million of the subjects of the Czar are incarcerated, not including the Siberian exiles, who number 77,160, nor the 3,328 convicts in the Saghalin prison.

The budget appropriates about $6 per prisoner per annum, the expenditure aggregating $7,500,000, of which amount $35.25 is squandered on books and papers for a million prisoners.

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